



Set for Winston-Salem September 26–27

## Annual Communication coming soon

By Ric Carter

WINSTON-SALEM — Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo will preside as our 2014 Annual Communication opens in Winston-Salem. The 227<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina is scheduled for September 25–26. The communication will be at the Twin City Quarter here, the same hotel we have used the last few years. It will be the headquarters hotel, the site of all committee meetings, and Grand Lodge business sessions.

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

Workshops and committee meetings held before the official sessions will be at the Twin City Quarter on Thursday, September 24. The Lodge Secretary's Workshop will be held there at 2:00 P.M. Thursday afternoon.

All voting sessions will be held in the Twin City Quarter's Grand Pavilion Friday and Saturday, September 25–26. Lodge officers are asked to bring and wear their aprons for all business sessions. All Masons must present their dues card and give the pass to enter business sessions.

Credentials have already been sent to your lodge. Please do not mail your credentials to the Grand Lodge office. You must present them at the registration desk to receive ballots and

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Ric Carter photo

## Amendments we will consider this year



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By Ric Carter

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

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

**Group 1** brings us back to a subject which has been floating around for several years: allowing entered apprentices and fellows craft to attend lodge meetings. Albemarle 703 brings the topic back to us. Their proposal would allow lodges to open business meetings in the First Degree

if there were EAs of FCs in attendance. They would not be allowed to vote or be required to pay dues until raised to Master Mason.

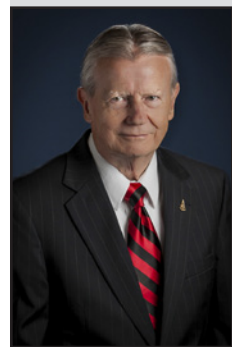
Proponents say it will solidify the feeling of being part of the lodge in new members and perhaps improve the rate at which candidates finish their degrees. Some opponents believe it will become much more complicated than expected: How long could a candidate attend lodge without advancing? How would visitation with other lodges be handled? Would they have to receive some special identification?

Others say that waiting the extra time and doing the extra work before getting to act as a member is an important part of the discipline and mystery of the degrees.

**Groups 2, 3, 4, and 5** are all submitted by Charlotte's Charles M. Setzer 693. Transportation and communication improvements in recent years have caused second looks at some of the residency requirements in *The Code*. Ease of travel allowed us to reduce the number of

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### THE BOTTOM LINE



## Come back where you belong

By Dalton W. Mayo  
Grand Master

In an earlier edition of *The North Carolina Mason*, the subject was those Masons who begin or even complete their degrees and then just disappear off the radar. Many are dropped from membership

because of nonpayment of dues. For whatever reason, they're gone. In this edition, we will look at those brothers who continue to pay their dues, stay on the roll, but hardly ever, perhaps never, come to the lodge. Although we are happy to have them as members, it is still puzzling why they have chosen to stay away.

To remain a member of the Masonic fraternity, all you are required to do is stay out of trouble and keep your dues current. You don't have to attend any meetings or participate in any lodge functions at all. When it's time for the lodge to meet, you can just stay home and watch the ball game on television. Why would somebody pay for something year in and year out without expecting any benefit from it? Strangely, this is what many of our members choose to do. This is hard to understand and is truly a big mistake because, as many of the active members have found, you get more out of Masonry than you could ever put into it.

In the charge of the Entered Apprentice Degree, we are told that "your frequent appearance at our regular meetings is earnestly solicited, yet it is not meant that Masonry should interfere with your other duties, for these are on no account to be neglected." Some members take this to mean that they never have to come or maybe just come once in a while. If you're one of those who has gotten into the habit of not coming to the lodge, make it a point to be at the next meeting and see what's going on. You may be surprised to find that your brothers have missed you. It's just as likely, maybe even more so, you will find that you have missed them.

Here's a poem written by the same person who has written a good number of other poems and sayings. His name is "Anonymous." Which type of Mason are you?

Are you an active member  
The kind that would be missed  
Or are you just content  
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the flock.  
Or do you stay at home  
To criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part  
To help the work along  
Or are you satisfied to be  
The kind that just belongs?

Do you ever go to visit  
A member who is sick,  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the "clique"?

Take time to think this over  
You know right from wrong,  
Are you an active member  
Or do you just belong?

Have you heard of Pareto's Principle? It is otherwise known as the 80/20 rule, a management concept that puts forth the notion that 80% of the work is performed by 20% of the workers. Let's say 20% of the membership is present at any given lodge meeting. On average, a lodge with 150 members can expect 30 members to

be present. According to Pareto's Principle, of these 30 members, about six can be expected to carry on most of the work while the other 24 are just happy to be there. What if this 20% of the members get tired doing the majority of the work and begin to slack off? You can see that it would pose a real problem, and it brings up an important question which is, what happens then?

If you attended a district meeting this year, you heard me say that nothing gets accomplished until someone takes responsibility. This does not mean that you are to sit idly by and wait for someone else to do everything. Those who feel that they are an integral part of an organization, that they belong, are more likely to attend the meetings and be active in its affairs.

At the district meetings, I also stressed the importance of having a sufficient number of brethren who know the Masonic funeral service. I think we all realize that there is a shortage of such brethren, but this need not be the case. There are those out there who have contemplated learning the service, but have simply put it off until later. This is an area of need, and it's time for you to step up to the plate and do your duty to your lodge and our fraternity.

I have wondered why it is that brethren will go for years without attending lodge, and then expect a Masonic funeral service. I believe the answer is that these brothers never lost their bond with the lodge even though they seldom attended. Their request for a funeral service shows that they had never really forgotten the good times, and they wanted some of their brothers present as they were laid "beneath the silent clods of the valley."

I believe you can be a Mason without attending your lodge every time the door is open. If you are a true Mason at heart, you will practice the tenets outside the lodge as well as in it. But, you will have missed out on what many believe to be the most important part of Masonic membership, and that is the fellowship of kindred souls. If you're one of those brothers who is not attending lodge, come back where you belong.



**Mason decorated**

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN — Robert Rideout, of Whitestone 155 in Wendell, recently was awarded his second Bronze Star. It was for his service as the Command Judge Advocate of the United States Forces Garrison Command, Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan during 2013 and 2014. His first was for service in 2003–2004 in Iraq. — Robert Rideout



**Masons help share history**

HERTFORD — Oak Grove United Methodist Church celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday May 17 with a reenactment of the Skirmish of Perquimans County. There was a battle centered around the church which was used as a hospital for the wounded during the Civil War. History tells us that when a soldier died who was a Mason, the battle would be stopped, and both sides would attend the Masonic burial.

As part of this year's reenactment, a Masonic funeral service was portrayed in the cemetery at the church. Carlton Jackson, of Edenton's Unanimity 7 performed the Masonic rites with the assistance of Masons from Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank, and Bertie counties as well as Norfolk, Virginia.

Attendees that afternoon also saw a battle reenactment, a typical period hospital and surgery, and an 1860s ladies fashion show, ate period refreshments, and heard string music and a battlefield sermon from the time. — Paul Gregory



**150 years for W. G. Hill Lodge**

By Chip Bremer

RALEIGH — On May 23, members of William G. Hill 218 held a commemorative table lodge to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the lodge's first meeting. The event is the first of several celebrations the Raleigh lodge has planned this year for their sesquicentennial.

Grand Master Dalton Mayo and Deputy Grand Master Doug Caudle were both in attendance at this special event, along with dignitaries from other area lodges including Raleigh 500, Hiram 40, James B. Green 735, Phoenix 8, and Sophia 767 among others.

The ceremony was held at the historic Raleigh Masonic Temple on Caswell Street and presided over jointly by Master Scott Souffrant and visiting Brother Ernest Barth of Doric 92 in Seattle and Fort Jackson 374 in South Carolina. The black tie event was tiled on the First Degree and included addresses by Grand Master Mayo and Souffrant, periodic education by Barth and Past Master Jack Harman, a five-course meal with non-alcoholic wine, and a Celebration of the Seven Toasts. The meal was prepared by Tove Barth and served by members of the Raleigh chapter of DeMolay.



Later this year, the lodge will release a commemorative book detailing its 150 years, as well as a commemorative coin to mark the occasion. The celebration will culminate in a gala event at Raleigh Country Club December 13 to mark the chartering of William G. Hill Lodge on December 6, 1864.

Chip Bremer is junior warden of William G. Hill 218.

**Spiffing up the neighborhood**

GREENSBORO — Don't let this picture fool you, roadside trash pickups take more than one person. About ten members of Gate City 694 helped clear a street the lodge has adopted in the Adopt-A-Street program there. — Gary Balance



**The ride is coming our way again September 13**

OXFORD — For the 17<sup>th</sup> year, motorcycles will converge on the Masonic Home for Children on the second Saturday of September as part of the Masonic Charity Ride. The Ride will make its way once again from all over North Carolina to enjoy lunch and a day at the Home and gather donations for the Home.

You may start by joining them for breakfast September 13 in China Grove at 7:30 that morning as Knights of Solomon 764 leads the charge from sponsoring Eureka 283. They'll pick up other riders along the way. You can even start your own group from some other part of the state.

Everyone gathers at 10:30 A.M. for registration and lots of drawings in the Walmart parking lot at 1015 Lewis Street in Oxford. From there, they'll depart at 11:45 for the short drive to the Home.

Last year, 106 bikes made the trip, raising \$24,255.40 for the kids. Over its history, The Ride has raised more than \$300,000 for the Home for Children. Get details on participating or sponsoring by calling: Jerry Edwards at (704) 857-8162, Bill Greene at (704) 279-4799, or Doug Earnhardt at (704) 957-0346.

**You're invited**

**Golf Tournament**

September 17

CLEMMONS — Clemmons 755's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament is set for September 17 at Meadowlands Golf Club in Winston-Salem. The entry fee is \$300 per team of four. The deadline is September 11. Singles and non-Masons are welcome. Money raised will go to the Masonic Homes and the Clemmons Food Pantry. Questions and entries should be addressed to Bob Charlier, 6081 Tumbleweed Trail, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 or <bobcharliersr@gmail.com>. Entries are limited to 120 players. —Bruce Ayers

**Golf Tournament**

October 13

GARNER — Vandora 745 will be holding their annual golf tournament October 13 at Reedy Creek Golf Course. The entry is \$60 per person, and sponsorships are available for \$100. The shotgun start is set for noon. To enter or get more information write Vandora Lodge, c/o Langdon and McKenzie, 1425 Mechanical Blvd, Garner, NC 27529. Proceeds go to the Masonic Homes. —Nick Harrison

**From the Medical Committee Understanding Depression**

By James Galloway Jr.

As a practicing family physician for more than 36 years, it has become increasingly obvious to me that one's mental health is as important as physical health. The most common mood disorder in the United States is depression, and it affects many Americans from time to time in their lives. Although depression is more common in women, there are a significant number of men who suffer from depressive episodes that greatly affect their lives. Understanding this very common disorder becomes increasingly important.

Basically, depression is a despondent mood in one's life that lasts more than two to three weeks. Historically, there were considered two types of depression. The first is exogenous depression, when an event in one's life such as a death or loss of a job causes depression. The second is endogenous depression, when there was no obvious cause. Both types of depression may be equally debilitating.

The symptoms of depression often are rather slow to be recognized, but are rather consistent. The inability to sleep or sleeping too much may be a prime component of depression. Loss of appetite or over eating may also occur, or loss of sexual drive. Fatigue and feeling weak are symptoms that occur in many illnesses, but certainly so in depression. Unfortunately, with depression many people begin to not enjoy life or do not desire to do those things that normally would give them great pleasure. In certain circumstances, when the depression is significant enough, thoughts of suicide may creep into some people's minds.

The treatment of depression has evolved and is very gratifying at this time. New medications which restore needed chemicals to the brain are now very effective and very well tolerated in treating depression. There is still a very helpful place for counseling with psychiatrists, psychologists, primary care providers, and spiritual counselors. For patients who do not seem to respond well, electroshock therapy has become much safer and much better tolerated, and may be very effective.

Learn to recognize symptoms of depression that you might be having. It is imperative that if you feel that you're depressed you should see a health care professional. No longer is there a stigma associated with people seeking help for such disorders. The rewards of being treated and feeling better are surely very gratifying. Again, your primary care provider is your first avenue for seeking help at any time.

James M. Galloway Jr. is a member of Crown Point 708 in Greenville.

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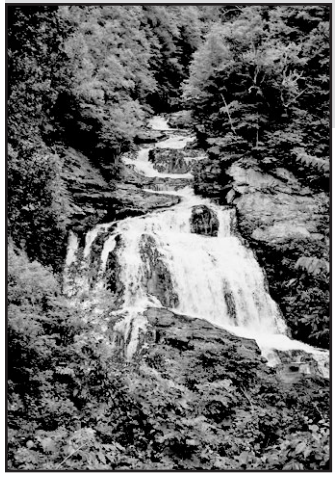
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# TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



## NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



### Gatesville

The Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by Gatesville 126 on January 15, collected 42 units.

Gatesville hosted the First Masonic District's quarterly meeting in March. Their own Raeford Eure was the speaker.

Service awards were handed out by Gatesville at that meeting. Jesse Bass got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership. L. Z. Felton got his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years as a Mason. Of Gatesville's nine living Diamond Jubilee awardees, six were present at the gathering.

— *The Compasses*

### Lewisville

"By The Square" is West Bend 434's new newsletter. Bob Blair is the man making it work.

Noticing the highly successful community outreach program at neighboring Old Town Lodge, West Bend Lodge, with the assistance of Zach Rothrock, has launched a Bikes for Books program at Lewisville Elementary School. The lodge awards bikes to students based on reading goals and accomplishments.

West Bend held their Spring Lodge Clean-up Day April 26. They are planning a Chicken On the Go takeout fundraiser for October, and a rifle raffle for November.

— *By The Square*

### Newell

The largest fundraiser Newell 739 has ever attempted is a gun raffle. They were giving away a gun every day in July. All profits benefit the Masonic Home for Children.

— Brian Lee

### Elizabeth City

Eureka 317 held their Ladies' Night June 21. Gentlemen paid ten dollars for their tickets, ladies were admitted for free. Entertainment followed the dinner at the lodge.

Members of Eureka were visiting Great Bridge Lodge in Chesapeake, Virginia June 25. That lodge was to receive their grand master at that meeting.

After their lodge clean-out was stymied by weather in April, Eureka is combining it with their July 26 clean-up.

— *On the Level*

### Spencer

The North Carolina Transportation Museum here is a great opportunity for fundraisers and activities for Spencer 543. On May 17, they sold hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausage biscuits during the Lester Brown Antique Truck Show. Profits went to the Masonic Homes and to several local charities Spencer Lodge supports.

— Johnny Hatley

### Kannapolis

On May 20, in honor of his Masonic service, Ralph Dickson was invited to preside over Cannon Memorial 626's stated communication. Health problems in the family have reduced Dickson's lodge activities in recent months. It marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his being master of the lodge.

— Thomas VanEtten and Ken Davis.

### Stedman

Stedman 730 held its Annual Golf Tournament June 7 at Lakewood Golf Course in Salemburg.

— *17<sup>th</sup> District Events*

### Youngsville

Youngsville 377 sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive June 22.

— Dean Mooney

The 13<sup>th</sup> Masonic District is holding a gun raffle to raise money for the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. The drawing is set for September 13.

— Kevin Ellenberg

### Conover

The Antique Power Equipment Show at the Hickory Fairgrounds on May 17 provided a fundraising opportunity for Conover 709. They sold hot dogs and hamburgers.

— *Conover Lodge Newsletter*

### Goldsboro

Wayne 112 held their pancake breakfast May 17. At the same time, they were raffling a \$500 gas card. Proceeds from both go to support charity.

— Joshua Lane

### Concord

Stokes 32 held a fried chicken dinner fundraiser June 7.

— Chris Cooper

### Jacksonville

Late spring was shaping up as busy for Semper Fidelis 680. May 2 was the date for cooking hot dogs for Special Olympics. They were doing their road clean-up May 17. On June 13, they were holding their fundraiser golf tournament at Bear Trail Golf Course. What was your lodge doing the last month of Spring?

— *Trestle Board*

### Kenansville

At St. John's 13, a Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership was recently earned by Carl Tucker. Tucker will have the award presented near his home in Louisiana. John Barnett has just received a Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years as a Mason.

The lodge is raffling a grill.

— *Lodge Log*



## Lodges help clear scrap for charity

SWANQUARTER — Atlantic 293 has been running a fresh sort of fundraiser. They are collecting and selling scrap metal. Richard Credle, Jeff Credle, and Mitchell Newman went around the county with a trailer collecting items to be carried to market. They collected items such as radiators, heater cores, batteries, appliances, a golf cart, farm implement parts, house wire, grain elevator parts, aluminum roofing, wire cable, old trailers, axles, and more. This small trailer load brought in \$290 for the Masonic Home for Children. That puts them at more than \$2,100 so far. There is more to come. With the knowledge that this will be an annual event, more people will be saving scrap metal for them throughout the year.

— Jeff Credle

### Southport

Pythagoras 249 is hosting their Ninth Annual Masonic Golf Tournament September 20 at Lakes Country Club at Boiling Springs Lakes. The \$50 player entry fee includes breakfast and lunch. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100.

The lodge sells hot dogs, chips, and drinks during Southport's Independence Day celebrations.

On June 6, Pythagoras Lodge held its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gene N. Cowan/Marvin McKeithan Fish Fry. Proceeds were for the Home for Children.

They recently donated \$100 to Southport Elementary School Parent Teacher Association.

Around the lodge building, they recently pressure washed the exterior. They are also extending their post and rope boundary to the sidewalk to help cut down on unnecessary traffic across the lawn.

— *Newsletter*

### Raleigh

James B. Green 735 members and friends took a bus trip to Philadelphia the first weekend in May. They visited the Grand Lodge there and toured their spectacular headquarters. They enjoyed supper before attending a Third Degree with host Harmony Lodge 52. They later toured the town including Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Fifteen Masons, six wives, and one child made the trip.

Green Lodge sold 525 plates at their Spring Barbecue fundraiser. Their fall barbecue is scheduled for October 3.

The lodge has three Ice Cream Socials scheduled for this summer. Each includes hot dogs and hamburgers before the ice cream course. The best ice cream is chosen at each session.

Planning has begun on Green Lodge's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2015.

— *The James B. Green Scene*

### Fairmont

Fairmont 528 recently presented Walon Ivey his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. At the same Awards Night meeting, Marc Sessoms was named 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Rookie of the Year, and Jerry Blount was awarded 18<sup>th</sup> District Mason of the Year.

— *The Trestleboard*

### Marshall

French Broad 292 was hosting this year's Mountain Top Degree on Viking Mountain, Tennessee. They were serving lunch and performing the degree on July 19. Attendees were urged, "Bring your folding chair, cap, sunscreen, coat, umbrella, apron, and a bottle of water. It has been every kind of weather you can imagine. The view is great and it's all outdoors."

— Terry Gevedon

### Hillsborough

Mosaic 762 began its monthly Masonic education series May 28. Over a year or so, they will work their way through Mark Stavish's *Freemasonry: Rituals, Symbols and History of the Secret Society*. Stavish founded the Institute for Hermetic Studies.

— Keith Morgan

### Fayetteville

On May 20, Phoenix 8 hosted the passing of five Fellows Craft from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic Districts. Members of Phoenix's Royal Arch Chapter put together a York Rite Red Coat Degree Team for the ritual work. In addition to the 20 Royal Arch Masons in attendance were 14 masters and past masters from around the state.

Clifford Duell 756 initiated three men June 9. Thirty-four Masons from eight lodges in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Districts were on hand for the festivities.

— Ken Wical

### Charlotte

Excelsior 261 held their a barbecue fundraiser and blood drive May 17. Military, law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medics were invited to eat for free. The barbecue made nearly \$600 for the Masonic Homes. The Blood Drive collected 21 donors. That's a good day's work for a lodge. The lodge has "adopted" ten residents at WhiteStone. They will be sending remembrance cards to them at least four times each year.

June stated at Excelsior Lodge is looked forward to as "beach communication." Dress code is flip flops, Hawaiian shirts, and shorts.

— *Trestle Board*

On June 14, Temple 676 held another Charity Fun Shoot at Shooters Express in Belmont. Proceeds were for WhiteStone. Each ticket for the shoot included a chance at winning a drawing for a shotgun.

— *Temple Lodge*

West Gate 738 is replacing the roof on their cook room.

Summer events planned at West Gate Lodge include taking in a Charlotte Knights minor league baseball game and holding a Family Fun Night cookout.

Veteran's Emblems were recently presented to Charlie Sherer, Paul Helton, H. O. Burns, and Jimmy Bell to honor their 50 years as a Mason. Sherer, Helton, and Burns are charter members of the lodge.

— *News From the West*

Charles M. Setzer 693 has been in the midst of a kitchen remodel this year. They made big improvements, and a plaque in the ante room of the lodge will honor the people who donated to the cause.

They are also upgrading the secretary's computer capabilities. They are now furnishing him a laptop computer and an improved Internet connection at the lodge. He will now be able to work from different locations in the building without having to rely on his personal equipment.

The local DeMolay Chapter has been thanking the lodge for hosting them by taking care of the Hal Hamby Garden in front of the lodge. They are expecting even more improvements in the near future as an Eagle Scout candidate is proposing to use the garden in his Eagle Project. He plans to build a fire pit in the garden to be utilized for flag retirements.

Setzer Lodge was hosting the Jobs Daughters reunion on June 7.

— *Trestleboard*

Steele Creek 737 held their annual Fish Fry, Car Show, and Blood Drive on May 10. Twenty-five-dollar Car Show entries included a Fish Fry ticket, and chances at door prizes.

— Bill Smith

Phalanx 31, this summer, is running a fundraiser selling Autobell car washes. Lodge members sell vouchers for \$16 each. The lodge keeps half of that to distribute to the Masonic Charities.

— *Trestleboard*

Derita 715 held their Widows' Dinner May 12.

Stephen Campbell's April 8 presentation to the lodge about Stonewall Jackson had members talking for weeks.

— *Derita Lodge*

### Greensboro

The Greensboro Masonic Temple was holding a yard sale June 7 at the Temple Annex.

— Greg Woodard

Gate City 694 was holding their first family event of the year was set for June 7. They were inviting friends and family to join them for hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream.

On May 29, they were attending Thirsty Thursday to see the Grasshoppers, Greensboro's minor league baseball team.

— *Trestleboard*

### Weaverville

Blackmer 170 presented four scholarships to North Buncombe High School May 20. They raise the funds with a barbecue fundraiser and donations. Their next barbecue fundraiser is September 13.

— Terry Gevedon

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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.

# Know the 2014 players

By Ric Carter

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

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

Starting just outside the divider is Grand Tyler Thomas Bass (Hiram 98) from Clinton. He'll be helped out by assistant tylers who will be posted at the several entrances to the meeting room to check your dues card and listen to a whispered password.

At the front of the auditorium, a lodge room will be set on and before a riser. It has much the same form as your blue lodge, but with a station or two added. Four officers will be on the stage facing the crowd. Front and center on the stage will be Grand Master (GM) Dalton W. Mayo (Hiram 98). Mayo is retired from the faculty of Sampson Community College. He lives in Clinton.

On his right will be Deputy Grand Master (DGM) Douglas L. Caudle (Statesville 27). Caudle lives in Taylorsville. He is president of Piedmont Fiberglass.

On the left side of the stage is Grand Treasurer (GT) Lewis R. Ledford (Statesville 27). Ledford recently retired as director of NC State Parks. He is now executive director of the Na-



tional Association of State Park Directors. He and his wife Susan live in Raleigh. Ledford was grand master in 2011.

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

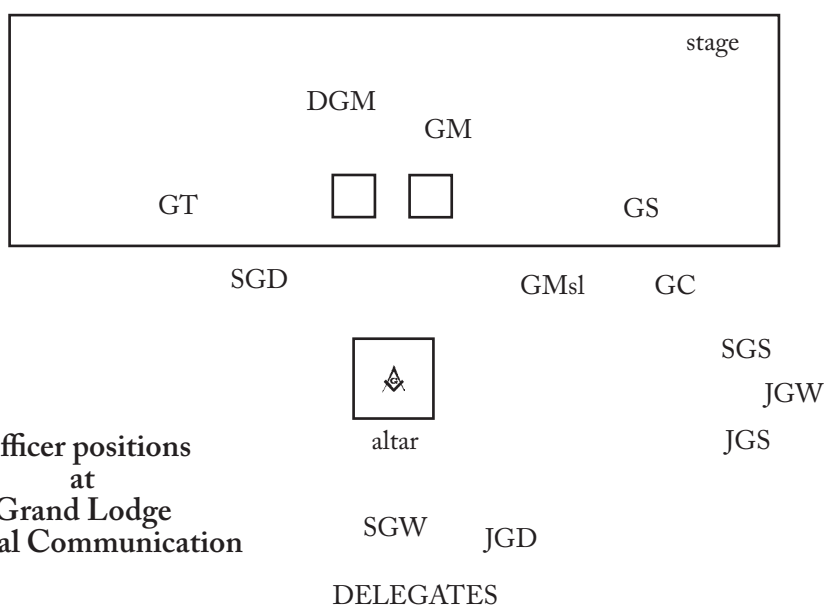
Seated at the back of the stage in neat rows are special guests and past grand masters. The special guests include officers from state appendant bodies and officers from other grand lodges and Masonic organizations.

The rest of the officers are on the auditorium floor in front of the stage. Facing the stage, with his back to the delegates, you'll find Senior Grand Warden (SGW) Bryant D. Webster (Nichols-West Asheville). Webster is a lawyer and lives in Black Mountain with his wife (Janet) and daughter.

Junior Grand Deacon (JGD) Speed Hallman (Eagle 19) sits on Webster's right. Hallman and his wife Susan live in Hillsborough and have two college-aged sons.

On the south side of the floor, to the delegates' right, is Junior Grand Warden (JGW) A. Gene Cobb (Royal White Hart 2). Cobb is minister at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Sanford where he lives with his wife Brenda.

## Officer positions at Grand Lodge Annual Communication



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At the meeting, Cobb is flanked by the grand stewards. Senior Grand Steward Shaun Bradshaw (Stokesdale 428) is nearest the stage, and Junior Grand Steward R. David Wicker (Oak Grove 750) is nearest the delegates. Bradshaw and his wife Sharon live in Greensboro. They have a son and daughter. Wicker and his wife Susan have three nearly grown children and live in Oxford.

Senior Grand Deacon (SGD) Jimmie B. Hicks Jr. (St. John's 3) sits before the stage in front of the grand treasurer, to the grand master's right. Hicks is a lawyer in New Bern. He has a teen-aged son and daughter.

Another officer in the Grand Lodge line we don't have in the blue lodge progression to master is grand marshal (GMsl). Grand Marshal Dwight M. Sigmon (Catawba 248) holds that chair beside Grand Chaplain (GC) Andrew B. Wood (Roseboro 585). Sigmon and his wife Linda live in Newton and have a grown son and two grandchildren.

There, you have it — the starting line up for the 227<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Don't get cocky, though. We'll elect new officers at this meeting. They'll be installed in December and take us all, once again, into a new year.

## AMENDMENTS, from page 1

Masonic Districts by one third not too many years ago. We also instituted a change in residency which allowed men to join lodges which were not the closest to their home. Many lodges have active members who live in other towns, or districts, or even states. Additionally, it is now easy for committee members to participate in meetings by way of phone or video conferencing. As a lodge situated near the state line, Setzer Lodge has several active members who are South Carolina residents. These four sections would allow officers to live outside their previous restrictions. It should be remembered that these changes would not alter the fact that the officer would have to fulfill the duties of that office or face removal.

More prickly questions arise with Grand Lodge officers who might live out of state. So-

journing Masons (those living in a jurisdiction other than their membership) arguably are subject to the jurisdiction of their residence. Suppose a grand master in that jurisdiction disliked an action of our grand lodge and convicted a North Carolina officer of un-Masonic conduct? How many Masonic masters must a Mason answer to?

**Group 6**, submitted by Lebanon 391, would allow lodges to hold multiple fundraisers for the use of the lodge and not charity. Proponents say that it is getting harder for lodges to meet all their obligations for their buildings. Opponents say that a lodge should support itself, not rely on the kindness of their neighbors to keep dues low. Are the fundraisers to maintain cheap dues, or does the lodge allow the community to use their facility for activities such as Scouts and senior gatherings? Should both lodges be allowed the

same opportunities?

**Group 7** addresses a growing issue with plural lodge memberships. More and more men are serving as officers in more than one lodge. While this often presents no problem, some men are attempting to serve two lodges as master. This amendment group would not preclude serving more than one lodge as master simultaneously, but it would require that the grand master give a dispensation for to do so.

**Group 8** asks us to allow lodges to rent their facilities to groups which allow alcoholic beverages. The availability would be controlled, limited to non-Masonic uses, and excluded from the lodge room. The group is submitted by Mount Hermon 118. Their auditorium and dining facility would benefit greatly from commercial rentals which include alcohol permits.

## STATE, from page 3

### Asheville

On June 14 Nichols-West Asheville 650 held their annual miniature golf tournament at Tropical Gardens. Hole sponsorships were available. The tournament was to help fund the Outdoor Experiential Project of Hall Fletcher Elementary School and Masonic charities.

— Terry Gavedon

Mount Hermon 118 was holding their Family Picnic at Haw Creek Park July 26.

The lodge recently handed out service awards. Lester Wright and Harold Talbot got Diamond Jubilees for 60 years membership. Veteran's Emblems for 50 years went to James Henderson and Ralph Presley.

Mount Hermon recently did stats on their membership since the turn of the century. In 2000, they raised no new members. They added three raisings in 2001, but did none in 2002 or 2003. In 2004 they raised three, and four in 2005, three again in 2006. They made five new Masons in 2007 and three more in 2008. Things really picked up as 11 new men were raised in 2009, nine in 2010, and nine more in 2011. They added eight in 2012 and 11 more in 2013. That's 71 since 2000 (47 since 2009). Five of these men have served as master of the lodge.

— Trestle Board

June 3, Biltmore 446 presented Diamond Jubilees for 60 years membership to Frank Morris and Jack Manning. Verlin B. Shelton got his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years as a member.

— The Lodge Gate

### Burnsville

Bald Creek 397 held their Widows' and Past Masters' Night May 17.

— Terry Gavedon

### Winston-Salem

This year marks Old Town 751's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They were holding a special observance May 31. The gathering was to include games for kids and grownups. They have also commissioned a commemorative pin to celebrate the occasion.

The new Brotherly Love in Action List has been initiated to give rides to members who have trouble with night driving.

The annual raffle at Old Town this year will feature rifles and electronics.

— On the Level at Old Town Lodge

### Statesville

The Masonic Family Cookout at Statesville 27 was planned for July 15. They were to grill burgers and wienies under the old oak behind the lodge. There were also to be baked beans and watermelon and lemonade and homemade ice cream. They were planning to tell stories (some true) and have fun before the meeting. A corn hole tournament with random teams was planned. Dress code for the meeting that night was relaxed to shorts and flip flops.

Statesville Lodge is planning bus trip to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in October.

The Statesville Masonic Book Club meets every Thursday morning at a local restaurant. They are currently studying *Freemasonry in Black and White*.

— The Joppa Informer

### Greenville

A raffle was recently held by Greenville 284. The prizes were an East Carolina University quilt and a team-autographed Carolina Hurricanes hockey stick.

— Danny Davis

### Apex

The rifle raffle began in March at Apex 584 continues; a bolt-action Savage rifle and scope will be awarded in September. Earnings from the raffle will go to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford and to WhiteStone in Greensboro. They were holding a dinner June 14 to also make money for the Homes.

Creating a French drain along one wall of the lodge seems to have cured a persistent water problem for the building.

In July, Oscar Sears was getting his Veteran's Emblem recognizing his 50 years as a Mason.

— The Trestleboard

### Pilot Mountain

Pilot 493 members enjoyed a golf outing May 31. Dickie Crump organized the trip to Pilot Knob Park. The \$30 fee they charged included a golf cart and lunch (OOOO, World Famous Squeeze Box Hot Dogs).

On May 12, the lodge enjoyed a Low Country Boil.

— Sam Carson

### Roseboro

On May 15, five members of Roseboro 585 received their Veteran's Emblems for 50 years membership. The awardees were Roland Grant Hall, David Neil Cain, Roland Bascom Spell, Roland Hubert Hall, and Elbert "Mr. Dink" Jones.

— Bruce Rawls

### Robbinsville

After a long, quiet period, Robbinsville 672 raised multiple new Masons June 28. Among the new members was Chuck Stewart. You may know him as Deputy Chuck from Discovery Channel's "Moonshiners."

— Gordon Jolly

## 2014, from page 1

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

Grand Master Mayo will open the first session at 10:00 A.M. on Friday morning. That's when you'll see the formal opening and welcoming of special guests. Grand Orator Mansour Hatefi, past grand master and grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, will make the keynote address. The rest of the morning, a number of reports will be read and others submitted for the record without reading.

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

A memorial service for those Masons who died in the past year will follow the call from refreshment to labor. The Grand Master's Report is next. Other reports will also be received. Some voting will take place on Friday afternoon.

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

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

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

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

**Group 9** is a complete rewrite of the *Trial Code*. *The Trial Code* is the sections of *The Code* dealing with the discipline of wayward members. It spells out the procedures for trials, appeals, and punishments for un-Masonic behaviors and violations of *The Code*.

**Group 10** would authorize the Board of Custodians to present specialized certificates of proficiency as they see fit. This would allow explorations of new approaches to improving access to quality ritual work across the state.

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

### Candler

Hominy 491 awarded its 2014 scholarship to Tyler Pittillo. He was chosen by the faculty of Enka High School. He is bound for UNC-Charlotte. The lodge is holding a flapjack fundraiser at Applebees September 13.

— Terry Gavedon

### Hookerton

"Let there be light," was the chorus when J.K. Hall replaced all the light fixtures at Jerusalem 95. The fixtures had been getting increasingly tattered with age.

Jerusalem Lodge was to auction off 12 framed prints of the lodge at their June meeting. The prints are from a much praised pencil sketch by Danielle Chapman, an art student at East Carolina University.

— The Jerusalem Journal

### Catawba

Riverside 606 was recently honored by a resolution of the North Carolina House of Representatives. Way to get to your representatives, Brothers.

— Scott Jones

### Warsaw

Warsaw 677 is in discussions with St. John's 13 in Kenansville about consolidating their lodges.

— Warsaw Lodge

### Cary

Green Level 277 catechism coaches Tommy Mills and Scott Cook received Coach's Certificates June 3.

— Stan Latta



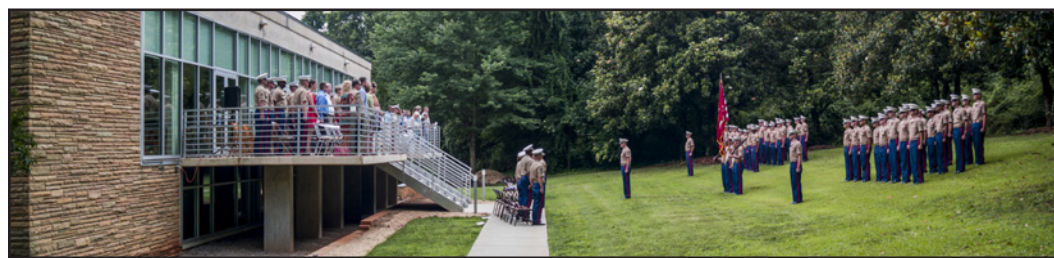
Warren G. Harding was initiated on June 28, 1901, and it took him 19 years to complete the other two.



Ric Carter photos

### Headquarters hosts Marine's retirement

RALEIGH — Master Sergeant Charles Sherrill was born in Greensboro and spent much of his Marine Corps career in North Carolina. His final assignment was as a recruiter in Raleigh. As a South Carolina Mason, our Grand Lodge offices on Glenwood Avenue in Raleigh had long attracted his eye. When it came time to pick a location for his retirement ceremony, Sherrill quickly thought of our headquarters. We were happy to help satisfy his request. The recently refurbished lobby and deck served as a suitable location for his momentous occasion on June 27.



### Perseverance hosts bike ride

PLYMOUTH — On May 24, Perseverance 59 sponsored a motorcycle ride to raise funds for the Masonic Home for Children. The band Seeds for Change played at the gathering in Plymouth. There, they registered and had entertainment, including corn hole games and food. They were also having prizes during the ride that would take them through Belhaven and across Lake Mattamuskeet to Atlantic 293 in Swanquarter. — Perseverance 59



### Sport raffle

GREENVILLE — Greenville 284 has been selling raffle tickets for a handmade East Carolina University quilt and Carolina Hurricanes team-signed hockey stick. Bud Wheless' wife made the quilt. Tickets were one dollar each. — Dave Davis



### OXFORD, from page 8

entertainment from the Swang Brothers Band. Andrew Jackson 576's famous Brunswick stew will be available for purchase with proceeds going to the Home. The event is open to the public.

On Saturday, October 11, all Masons are invited to the 8:00 o'clock A.M. stated communication of Orphans Lodge 761 on campus.

There'll be inflatable attractions for the kids all day on the grounds. The Home's history museum will be open from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

for you to enjoy. At 9:45 A.M., North Carolina's biggest and best Shrine parade begins to wind through town featuring all three of North Carolina's Shrine Temples and groups from our community including local school bands, clubs, and civic organizations. Before and during the parade, the Oxford Economic Development Committee and downtown businesses will host sidewalk sales and "Touch a Truck" children's show along the parade route.

After the parade, our Fourth Annual Barbecue showdown will provide lunch. A ten-dollar ticket will get you an all-you-can-sample feast. Tickets will be pre-sold on campus that morning.

During lunch, enjoy music from nationally renowned country recording artist Jason Michael Carroll. The country music hit-maker from Youngsville, North Carolina, is gearing up to release his first new album since 2011, featuring the single "Close Enough." He'll be hitting the road in 2014 on a cross-country tour and overseas to perform for the military and will be here to perform live for our Masonic Homecoming Festival.

There'll be many Homecoming activities such as the crowning of the MHCOC Homecoming Queen, Sunday lunch and business meeting, and Homecoming Dance aimed at the Home's alumni and their families.

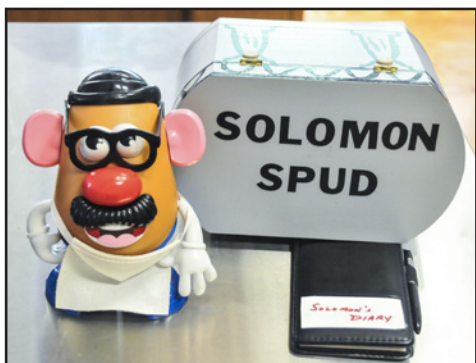
For the latest information and a detailed schedule, please visit <http://www.mhc-oxford.org/john.html> and check out the Schedule of Events. Bring a chair, bring a kid, prepare to have a good time!



Ric Carter photo

### A novel visitation trophy comes

RALEIGH — Solomon the Spud was recently introduced to the 15th Masonic District. Solomon is a hot potato, and if he visits a lodge, that lodge must deliver him to another lodge in the district. He's starting his visitation in Fuquay 258. — Chuck Rouse



### 225 YEARS, from page 8

historian and Past Master Steve Fowler presented a history of the lodge. Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo was a special dinner guest. He spoke on the history of Masonry in North Carolina and American George 17 and how they were intertwined.

Past Master Randy Whitley then introduced sisters, Cecille Liverman Waters and Laura Liverman Olmstead. They unveiled and presented the jewel and apron worn by their father, Past Grand Master Cecil Johnson Liverman. Liverman was Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina 1983-1984. He was also a master of American George Lodge in 1952, 1962, and 1976 and was district deputy grand master 1966-1968.

After dinner, Grand Master Mayo and guests were invited upstairs to tour the lodge room and learn a little more North Carolina and Masonic history.

Jim Hart is a member of Virginia's Franklin 151.



Clockwise from left: Grand Master Mayo addresses the gathering; original charter of the lodge from 1789; American George 17's home in Murfreesboro; Lodge Master Jeff Futrell, and amateur historian and Lodge Treasurer Steve Fowler.

Ric Carter photos





### Cannon Memorial helps Relay for Life

KANNAPOLIS — On April 11, Cannon Memorial 626 participated in its third Annual Relay for Life at A. L. Brown High School here. Each year money is raised by the cancer-fighting event by seeking donations (time and money) from the community. Cannon Memorial donated both. Seen here are, from left, Secretary Randy Hill, Lauren Hill, Cody Sykes, Senior Warden Thomas VanEtten, Andrew VanEtten, Senior Deacon Josh Mueller, Tina Mueller, Mrs. Tucker, and Jerry Tucker. Not pictured are James and Elizabeth Secoolish. — Thomas A. VanEtten



### Clayton Masons give scholarship

CLAYTON — Granite 191 recently presented Kaylee Morgan, left, one of their scholarships. She will be attending the University of North Carolina in Wilmington this fall. She is seen here receiving her check from Granite Master Scott Winslow. — Granite Lodge



### Hawaiian night

CHARLOTTE— Now THAT'S a dress code! On June 2, Excelsior 261 held their summer special Hawaiian night. Flip flops, shorts, and beach shirts were the dress for the evening. — Greg Williamson



### Ramping up for a Brother

NEW BERN — On May 19, members of St. John's 3 and Berne 724 teamed up to build a ramp for long-time St. John's 3 Secretary E. Coy Wetherington. Some of the building crew, seen here from left, are Joe Owens, John Pugh, Scott Stapleford, Master Timothy Pugh, Coy Wetherington, Billy Joiner, and Jerry Stapleford. — James Wiley

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| 4..... Davis, Benjamin Thomas            | 191..... Hoffman Jr., Jackson Merrill   | 363..... Rhyne, Adam Charles           | 542..... Roe, Tony Johnathan            | 703..... Jones, Patrick David           |
| 4..... Hill, Nicholas Cooper             | 191..... Johnson, Gary Lee              | 363..... Spillman, Christopher Alan    | 543..... Hawkins, Jonathan Michael      | 704..... Meek, Malcum Lee               |
| 4..... Nix, John Carleton                | 191..... Todd, William Douglas          | 381..... Hudson, Aaron Blake           | 544..... Brown, Zachary David           | 704..... Weiss, William Stanley         |
| 8..... Frankart, Daniel Glen             | 198..... Coley, Roark Benjamin          | 384..... Cook, Bradley Thomas          | 550..... Sessoms, Gregory Scott         | 705..... Shackelford, Jesse Raymond     |
| 10..... Hehl, Karl Frederick             | 198..... Hewitt, Hikaru Li              | 384..... Yarbrough, Dean Cecil         | 552..... Simpkins, Allen Grant          | 706..... Arnold, Dean Evan              |
| 10..... Riggan, Ryan Glenn               | 198..... Mban, Jaures Cherubin          | 387..... Pace, Richard Alan            | 552..... Davis, Phillip Todd            | 706..... Stoehrer Jr., Gustave Fredrick |
| 27..... Ammons, John Paul Fariss         | 198..... Rogers, Jacob C.               | 391..... McKay, Benjamin Justin        | 552..... Huffines, Christopher Todd     | 708..... Smith, Jacob Mathew            |
| 31..... Jones, Stephen Edward            | 202..... Spence, Timothy Garland        | 395..... Fragos, John Evangelos        | 554..... Grindstaff, Bruce Dean         | 709..... Cutshaw Jr., Wendell Caryle    |
| 31..... Smith, Shane Michael             | 202..... Murphy, Tony Lynn              | 403..... Greene III, Ernest Leland     | 554..... Petty, Stephen Bruce           | 709..... Fletcher, Bryan Eric           |
| 31..... Thomson III, Alexander Robert    | 206..... Blanchard, Patrick             | 405..... Doshier, Brandon Michael      | 563..... Page, Robbie Edwin             | 713..... Lewis, David Scott             |
| 45..... Brooks, Tony Bryan               | 207..... Strickland, Jeremy Marshall    | 405..... Matthews Jr., Charles Kenneth | 564..... Custy, Cameron Kinsey          | 713..... Hancock, Martin Luther         |
| 45..... Frazier, John Lindon             | 214..... Foust, Ryan Leanders           | 407..... Smith, Mark Rendell           | 564..... Gendron, Christopher Daniel    | 713..... Childress, Charles David       |
| 58..... Cordero, Victor Manuel           | 231..... Hargis, Garrett Lee            | 407..... Sturdivant IV, Edward Reid    | 565..... Lancaster Jr., Lloyd Cleveland | 713..... Whitener, Steven Nathaniel     |
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| 97..... Monfrado, Michael Canyon         | 258..... Passmore, Charles Franklin     | 413..... Langley, Arthur Leslie        | 576..... Smith, Chase Preston McKinzie  | 722..... Mosely, Michael Andrew         |
| 97..... Thorson, Kyle David              | 261..... Snyder, Shawn Michael          | 428..... Blaylock, Robert Lannie       | 576..... Wagoner, Bobby Lee             | 725..... Kennedy, Stephen Todd          |
| 99..... Chami, Mounir Al                 | 262..... Dupell, Douglas Anthony        | 429..... Baker, Brantley Todd          | 583..... Hare, Toby Lewis               | 725..... Collier, Glenn Wayne           |
| 99..... Guthrie, William Michael         | 262..... Raby, Russell Stephenson       | 429..... Rodgers, Shawn Michael        | 584..... Stephenson, Jason Baymon       | 725..... Dugan, Kenneth Edward          |
| 104..... Marriner, Randal Scott          | 262..... Winebarger, David Chase        | 429..... Stallings III, James Morris   | 589..... Haddock, Edward Andrew         | 730..... Ashley, Earl Woodard           |
| 106..... Brinkley, Bobby Lee             | 263..... Hoffman, Croun Henry           | 429..... McGarr, James Dalton          | 589..... Smith, Corey Lane              | 732..... Osborne, Jack Andrew           |
| 106..... Gray, Dannie Edward             | 263..... Kitchens, John Byron           | 437..... Parsons, Billy Wayne          | 589..... O'Steen, Albert Ray            | 733..... Hayes, Charles Samuel          |
| 106..... Bishop Jr., Kenneth Mitchell    | 263..... Rhyne, Travis Lamar            | 454..... Blackburn, Cameron Richard    | 598..... Burnette II, Anthony John      | 735..... Spence, Robert Talmadge        |
| 106..... Drago, Antonino                 | 267..... Huntsinger, Christopher Jordan | 460..... Collins, Aaron Sean           | 598..... Smith, Orrie Lee               | 736..... Miller, David J                |
| 109..... Horton II, Benjamin Edward      | 271..... Griffin, Matthew Edward        | 462..... Etherton, Christopher Lee     | 598..... Sparks, Joshua Norman          | 736..... Taylor III, Robert Allen       |
| 109..... Horton, Sherwood Vick           | 271..... Jones, Scott Andrew            | 474..... Isham Jr., Sanford Lawrence   | 606..... Houston, Jeffery Dane          | 736..... Long, Jonathan Lee             |
| 113..... Self, John Maverick             | 271..... Wordsworth, Joshua Redden      | 482..... Newman, Jimmy Reece           | 609..... Rogers, Starke Matthews        | 737..... Holt, Timothy Shawn            |
| 114..... Johnson Jr, Jeffery Floyd       | 272..... Breedon Jr., Billy Joe         | 482..... Newman, William Earl          | 656..... Myers, James Tyler             | 737..... Poston, Kerry Wendell          |
| 115..... Gould, Roger Edwin              | 272..... Rouse, Guy Dawson              | 484..... Vela, Jaime Alberto           | 656..... Pappas, John Franklin          | 737..... Stacks, Perry Lee              |
| 115..... Merritt, James Timothy          | 272..... Adams, Robert Douglas          | 484..... Zimmerman, Craig Raymond      | 670..... Beam, Frank Oliver             | 737..... Keller, Zachary David          |
| 115..... Rimmer, Stanley Thomas          | 272..... Kenyon, Archie Darrin          | 491..... Burleson, Sidney Shaun        | 670..... Powell, Mitchell Taylor        | 737..... Wright, Justin Thomas          |
| 117..... Williams, Shannon Jeremiah      | 272..... Morris, James Brandon          | 492..... Harrington, John Bascom       | 670..... Stevens, Donald Joseph         | 738..... Frasure, Curtis Shawn          |
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| 134..... Kennedy, Barry Clark            | 272..... Thornton, Charles Lynnwood     | 496..... Stone, Aaron Dean             | 677..... Dixon, Justin Lee              | 741..... Riggs, David Keith             |
| 136..... Crumpton, Steven Christopher    | 276..... Austin, Lindsay Carl           | 498..... Grove, Nicholas A.            | 679..... Pfeffer, Grayson Cole          | 743..... Fusco, Marc A                  |
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| 143..... Oldham, Jeffrey Wade            | 283..... Brown, Kenneth Wade            | 498..... Wilson, Parker McDavid        | 679..... Root, Robert Allen             | 751..... Thomas, Christian Bennett      |
| 145..... Berry, Andy                     | 283..... Smith, Mark Anthony            | 499..... Sherron, Thomas Allen         | 679..... Driver, Clarence Steven        | 751..... Reece, James Michael           |
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| 146..... Campbell, Austin Dakota         | 284..... Lowry, Daniel Robert           | 500..... Peterson, David Alexander     | 680..... Nokes, Louis Malcolm           | 752..... Simerson, Michael Ray          |
| 147..... Wilson, Robert James            | 289..... Elliott, David Armstrong       | 500..... Templeton, Eric James         | 680..... Durigon III, Joseph Peter      | 753..... Yaw, Chad Frederick            |
| 155..... Moser, Michael William          | 296..... Casper, Toby Allen             | 509..... Baynor, Bonnie Allen          | 680..... Romano, Richard Dean           | 755..... Foster, Robert Scott           |
| 158..... Haun II, Walter Reid            | 296..... Keel, Clifton Hunter           | 515..... Ballard, Robert Dwayne        | 686..... Adams III, Charles Glenwood    | 755..... Pegram, Douglas Wade           |
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| 162..... Lewis, Kevin Daniel             | 314..... Jackson, Jed Ethan             | 515..... Growel, Micheal Robert        | 686..... Payne, Phillip Matthew         | 756..... Larch, Justin Ryan             |
| 170..... Bitner, Stephen Lee             | 319..... Lester, Rodney Stewart         | 517..... Tynch Jr., Carroll Edward     | 688..... Sanford Jr., Morton William    | 756..... Porritt, Raymond Patrick       |
| 170..... Revis, Timothy Matthew          | 320..... Boswell, Adam Christopher      | 521..... Shuler, Branden Matthew       | 691..... Randall, Alexander Douglas     | 758..... Morris, Bobby Joe              |
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| 172..... Douglas, Franklin Glenn         | 322..... Frye, Todd Shannon             | 527..... O'Neal, Brian Keith           | 692..... Ritchie, Robert Briane         | 759..... Glenn, John Joseph             |
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# Saving an apron

ELIZABETH CITY — Members of Eureka 317 recently gathered at the Museum of the Albemarle here to view the circa 1872 Masonic apron worn by former member William Crawford Dawson. Dawson was a member of Pasquotank 103 and a charter member of Eureka 317 chartered in 1872. Eureka Lodge and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina donated the funds to conserve the apron. After cleaning and protective services are completed, the apron will be displayed in the Museum's main gallery.

William Dawson, born in Elizabeth City in 1831, attended local schools and became the city's first photographer. During the Civil War, Dawson served with the "State Guards," later called Company L, 17<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Regiment. The regiment fought during the Battle of Roanoke Island in February 1862. When the flag bearer was killed,

Dawson seized the colors and was later cited for his gallantry. The canton of this flag is currently on display at the Museum of the Albemarle.



Dawson



Dawson's apron



Eureka 317 members, from left, Julian Copeland, Paul Miller, Alvin Arnold, Stan Stewart, Don Kosik, Greg Gregory, George Taylor, and Joe Winslow with the Dawson apron.

# MILEPOSTS



ANDREWS — Ray Morgan of Andrews 529 recently received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. He is seen here, left, with Joe Williams. — Johnny Rogers



TABOR CITY — On April 22, Elmore Strickland, right, celebrated 60 years as a Mason when Tabor 563 presented his Diamond Jubilee award. He is seen here receiving the award from Master Eddie L. Johnson Jr. — Chris C. Phipps



HIGHLANDS — On March 30, William Creswell, left, was presented his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership. Blue Ridge 435 Master Kenneth Crowe is seen here presenting the award. — Dave Cashion



SWANSBORO — Seaside 429 members Marlin Herring and William Mills were presented their 60-year Diamond Jubilee awards May 23. Seen here, from left, David Holland, presenter; Mrs. Herring; Herring; Mills; and Mrs. Mills. — Seaside Lodge



FAIRFIELD — Mack Carawan recently received his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years in the lodge. Members of Atlantic 294 visited Carawan's home to give him the award. Family members joined him for the honor. Seen with him here, from left, are Owen Maxwell, Willie Mack Carawan Jr., Diana Carawan Williams, Debbie Carawan Daughtry, and Joan Carawan Maxwell. — Stephen Svetlovics



CARY — Green Level 277 members recently traveled to the home of Percy Horton to give him his Veteran's Emblem honoring his 50 years Horton reminisced about the lodge and told some good stories about its past. His wife Nancy got to see the presentation. —Tommy Mills



PENDLETON — On May 13, Shirley Woodward, left, received his Diamond Jubilee honoring his 60 years as a Mason. He is seen here with Fifth District Deputy Grand Master Jim Burch. — Johnny Reynolds



FRANKLINVILLE — Hanks 128 presented Sam McNeill, right, his Veteran's Award at their April Stated Communication. The award for 50 years Masonic membership was presented by Past Grand Master Dan Rice, left, and Master Darren Layton. — Shawn Palmer



WENDELL — At the recent Past Masters' and Ladies' Night of Wendell 565, Bert Sellars was presented his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years as a Mason. Seen here are, from left, Wendell Master Tim Reese, Sellars, Sellars' wife Carol, and his son Tim. — Ray Burch



KENANSVILLE — Members of St. John's 13 recently visited the home of their brother John Burnett. They were there to bring him his Veteran's Emblem in honor of his 50 years as a member of the lodge. Seen here, from left, are 11th District Deputy Grand Master Raymond L. Turner Jr., Burnett, Lodge Master Dennis Riley, and Lodge Secretary Snodie Wilson. — Dennis G. Riley



HALIFAX — Royal White Hart 2 member Winford Bland Dickens, right, recently received his Diamond Jubilee for his 60 years as a member of the lodge. Junior Grand Warden Gene Cobb, left, presented the award. — Wilbur Garner



SWANSBORO — On May 23, Seaside 429 members Nathaniel Hancock, left, and Robert Provost, right, were presented their Veterans Emblems in recognition of their 50 years of Masonic service. — Seaside Lodge



GARLAND — On May 26, John Matthews of Garland 664 received his 50-year Veteran's Emblem. Seen here, from left are Grand Master Dalton W. May, Matthews, and 11th District Deputy Grand Master Raymond Turner. — Pete Faircloth



NASHVILLE — Morning Star 85 held their Awards Night May 17. Two members, Donald Ray Vick and Richard Bieber, got their Veteran's Emblems saluting their membership in the fraternity. Seen here, from left, are Bob Sitton, Vick, Bieber, and Morning Star Master Paul Hyman. — Ralph Howell

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# American George 17 celebrates 225 years

By Jim Hart

MURFREESBORO — On Monday, June 23, approximately 75 members and guests attended a celebration marking the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of American George 17. The lodge was founded in June 1789, the same year that America swore in George Washington as the first President of the United States. Founded by Colonel Hardy Murfree, namesake for the town of Murfreesboro, the lodge has operated without interruption for 225 consecutive years. Celebration of this event was marked by the ringing of the cupola bell which hasn't been rung in many years. An excellent dinner was hosted by the local Eastern Stars from Harrellsville and Ahoskie.

Following dinner, Master Jeff Futrell read the original 1789 charter, and local amateur

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Steve Fowler, DDGM Burch, GM Mayo, and Grand Lecturer Wells talk outside American George Lodge.



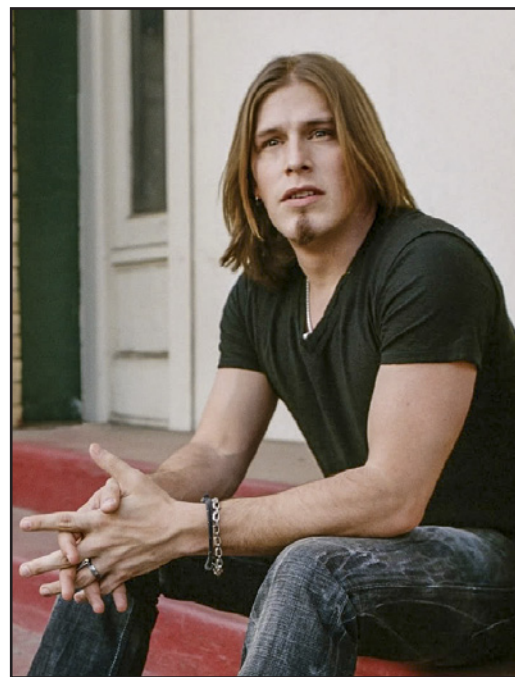
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October 10-12

## Homecoming time at Home for Children

OXFORD — The family of the Masonic Home for Children welcome you and your family back to Oxford for our Fourth Annual Masonic Homecoming Festival, October 10-12. Working with our alumni, staff, our Masons, and the City of Oxford, we are preparing a special and fun weekend for all who come to remember and celebrate at our Home in Oxford. And, we want you and your family to be a part of it!

Festivities begin on Friday, October 10 with the annual "Chip Shots for Children" golf tournament held at Kerr Lake Country Club. Hosted by our alumni and open to all golfers, the tournament generates funds for the alumni endowment which directly supports operations of the Home. That evening on the Home's campus, cooks from around the state and country set up their grills, prepare their secret recipes, and kick-off our Fourth Annual Friday Night Yard Party. There will be food for sampling from the teams, drinks, and desserts available for sale. There'll be



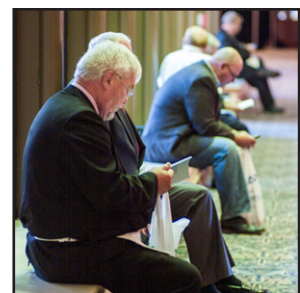
see OXFORD, page 5 Jason Michael Carroll performs.



Merrill and Cecille Liverman Waters, Laura Liverman Olmstead, and PM Randy Whitley with the Liverman Sisters' gift to the lodge.

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The lodge room at St. John's 3 in New Bern is arguably the most beautiful in North Carolina. Its 1840s murals include most of the symbols from Masonic lectures.

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