



Grand Lodge concludes its regular business



WINSTON-SALEM — The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina held their 227th Annual Communication here at the Embassy Suites September 26–27. Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo's relaxed, down-home demeanor at the podium encouraged a comfortable atmosphere for the communication attended by 1,140 registered voting delegates. Deputy Grand Master Douglas L. Caudle, of Statesville 27, was elected to become our next grand master. He appointed to the Grand Lodge line Larry Bogan Thompson Jr., a member of Blackmer 127, as steward for the coming year.

Some Grand Lodge officials arrived at the headquarters hotels on Wednesday, September 24 to be present and ready for the board and committee meetings which began early Thursday morning when even more officials were on hand. The Committee on Finance and Board of General Purposes had their final meetings prior to bringing business before the membership. The Board of General Purposes voted on various nominations and appointments of Deputy Grand Master Caudle pending his election as grand master for 2015. It was BGP's next to last meeting with Grand Master Mayo, the last being just before Grand Lodge officer installation December 6.

Jurisprudence had their last conference before bringing amendments to the delegates. The Committee on Appeals met to review all trials and actions by the judge advocate in the last year and held hearings for several men asking to return to the fraternity after losing their membership. The Board of Custodians, Board of Publication, and other committees met before the general session. There were two training sessions for lodge secretaries on Thursday teaching them more about MORI, our computer database for tracking membership information and lodge finances. The sessions were conducted

By Ric Carter

by Ken Crandall, the main host on MORI's help line.

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

The formal opening began at 10:00 a.m. on Friday morning. The opening procession was led by the United States and North Carolina flags and the banner of the Grand Lodge delivered by members of the National Sojourners Spirit of '76ers.

The officers of the Grand Lodge entered and opened the Annual Communication in a ceremony very much like the one we use in every blue lodge meeting.

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Mocksville Picnic, NC Masonry's oldest celebration

By Ric Carter

MOCKSVILLE — The Mocksville Masonic Picnic is the oldest continuing celebration of Masons in North Carolina, dating to the 1870s. Picnic gatherings on the Shoals in what is now Coolemeemee had been going on some time when local Masons decided to pass the hat among the picnickers to support their recently created Orphans Asylum in Oxford, NC.

Enthusiasm among area Masons grew. They brought in speakers and entertainment. They added committees at the lodges to plan the gathering at the Shoals. The Masons decided to move the picnic to Mocksville in 1883. They held it in a wooded area owned by the heirs of Davie County founder John Clement. Since that time, Clement Grove has been the location for the Picnic. It was also about this time that the second Thursday in August became the customary date of the gathering. In 1897, Masons bought the five acres which continue to host the festivities. In 1899, Masons built an arbor on the grounds, with amphitheater seating and a stage for speakers and the chorus from the Orphanage.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, crowds regularly reached 10,000. In 1879, Zeb Vance was a featured speaker in a day when public oration was considered a sophisticated form of entertainment. Excursion trains from Winston and Salem regularly brought crowds to enjoy the day. Those trains often bore cornet



bands to help woo the crowd.

Through the first third of the 20th Century, the Mocksville Picnic grew. It became a defacto Davie County homecoming. At one point, the festivities stretched over an entire week and featured a carnival on the grounds which was much looked forward to by the community.

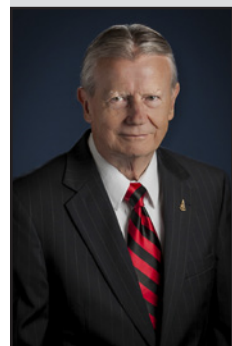
Things today have settled into a decidedly quieter affair. The Arbor came down not many months ago as it had fallen into disrepair. But, local Masons continue to carry the torch.

Nowadays, activities are pretty much confined to a couple of picnics and some short speeches. Davie County lodges hold their traditional picnic on Thursday. On Saturday, the Prince Hall Masons hold their event with its attractions.

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THE BOTTOM LINE



A changing of the guard

By Dalton W. Mayo
Grand Master

Brethren, it is now October and my year as your grand master is winding down. On December 6, Brother Douglas Caudle will be installed, and I will join the ranks of past grand masters. There has been a rumor circulating concerning whether these distinguished brethren will accept me into their exclusive club. Let it be known to all that on the evening of December 5, while still in office, though barely, I will issue my final edict declaring myself a past grand master upon the installation of my successor in office. So, there's another rumor put to rest.

Seriously, I will have to say that, from my perspective at least, it has been a wonderful year. I was advised to enjoy myself, and that is exactly what I have done. The many kindnesses you have shown me are appreciated more than you know. We have a wonderful group of Masons in North Carolina, and I'm happy that I've gotten to know many more of you as I've traveled from one end of our state to the other. The many memories I will carry with me for the rest of my life are absolutely priceless, and I thank you for all of them.

This is my last article for *The North Carolina Mason*. I believe it would be time well spent to go back and contemplate on some of the issues I raised in the very first article from last year and also in our twenty-six district meetings.

Everyone needs to find their place in the lodge. Have you found your place? Are your new members finding their place, or are they wandering in the wilderness? If they need help finding their way, are you willing to assist?

Nothing gets accomplished until someone takes responsibility. Have you taken responsibility for something and seen it through to completion? Is your lodge in better condition than it was last year because members like you have stepped forward when they saw things that needed to be done and volunteered their services?

We have promised to be charitable. We never said how much, but nevertheless we promised to help those in need. Can you say without reservation that you have done that? Is your lodge having fundraisers to provide support for our three principle charities?

We need more certified lecturers/instructors. Have you gone beyond the thinking stage and actually taken the certification examination? If this is something you have been thinking about doing, begin planning now for next year.

We need more brothers who can offer the Masonic funeral rites. Ideally, every lodge should have a person who can perform this service for our deceased brethren. If you have been thinking about learning the burial service, there's no need to put it off any longer.

There's something else that I'd like to share with you. Looking back to January 2011, while junior grand warden, I visited Wallace 595 (now Wallace 279) for the purpose of celebrating their 100th anniversary. On that occasion, Past Master Jeff Murray presented a history of Wallace Lodge which was entitled "Pillars of the Lodge." The point that he made is that a lodge is not a building but rather, it is the members who have made the lodge what it is. It is those who have supported the lodge through good times and bad and never wavered in their loyalty and steadfast devotion to Masonry. Your lodge most likely has such brothers in your midst, and if you do, you are blessed indeed. They are not seeking

any reward for their labors, but nevertheless they have truly made all the difference. I have met such brothers while traveling the highways and byways this year. I offer a tip of my Homburg to all of you who have made your lodge what it is and who continue to support it in every way you can. You are truly pillars, and your support of your lodge is just as important as the pillars which hold up the building, arguably more so.

Brethren, I have enjoyed our bimonthly "fireside chats." They have given me an opportunity to share with you a glimpse of what was on my mind at the time. I appreciate the feedback you have given me, and I'm happy if you found something in them that was meaningful for you.

My last name being "Mayo," some think that I have Irish heritage. There is a County Mayo in Ireland, but the last I heard there were no Mayos living there. For the time being, I will consider myself an honorary Irishman and leave you with an Irish blessing. I can't think of a better way to express my wishes for you as I prepare to turn over the reins to my very capable successor.

May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!

So mote it be!

Annual Communication Amendment Scorecard

- Group 1..... EA stated communications..... returned**
- Group 2..... GL Committeeman residency failed**
- Group 3..... DDGM residency..... returned**
- Group 4..... Trustee residency..... failed**
- Group 5..... GL officer residency failed**
- Group 6..... Multiple fundraisers..... returned**
- Group 7..... Plural master limitation..... passed**
- Group 8..... Allow alcohol rentals (version a) passed**
- Group 9..... Trial Code revision returned**
- Group 10..... Lecture certificates passed**

France thanks Garner Mason

CHARLOTTE — On July 11, ten North Carolinians gathered here to be recognized by the French nation. France’s Consul General Denis Barbet was there to read the roll of their service and personally pin to their chest the red ribbon with white stars of the Legion of Honor.

Among their number was Richard Ripley, a member of our Garner 701. Retired Colonel Ripley took part of the Normandy D-Day invasion at Utah Beach and later fought in northern France, the German Rhineland, and central Europe.

Napoleon Bonaparte founded the Legion of Honor in 1802. It is France’s highest honor. *The North Carolina Mason* published an article about Ripley in the January/ February 2007 issue <<http://ncmason.net/gln/nc-mason/archives/2007/NCM-132-1.pdf>>.



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**From the Medical Committee
Why the epidemics?**

By Marty Fischer

In the United States, we are now experiencing epidemics of diseases once nearly wiped out. Measles is a very dangerous disease which can cause death or blindness. We are in 2014 having three times as many cases per month as we did last year. The MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine is highly effective; in 2000 measles was considered eliminated. In that year, nearly all children were vaccinated. When vaccination rates drop below 80%, the population becomes highly at risk for the given disease. The other factor is the efficacy of the vaccine. Whooping cough epidemics are occurring each year. Often, people forget to have booster doses to preserve immunity; this is one reason for the whooping cough epidemics.

Seventeen states allow parents to sign a paper to prevent their child being immunized. North Carolina is one of the states that make it easy for parents to forgo vaccinations for their children. The most recent anti-vaccine movement started in 1998 when a study in the journal *Lancet* linked autism to vaccines. The author subsequently admitted the data was faked, and he lost his medical license. Despite good studies refuting that hypothesis, many parents continue to believe it. **DO NOT BELIEVE IT!**

Vaccination protects the entire population. Pools of unvaccinated children lead to epidemics. See that your children and grandchildren receive theirs!

Marty Fischer is master of Horse Creek 719 in Columbus.

You’re invited

**Fellowship gathering
November 18**

GREENVILLE — Greenville 284 and Mt. Herman 35 (PHA) will hold their Fifth Annual Fellowship Meeting November 18 at the Greenville Masonic Temple, 1104 Charles Street. Rib-eye steaks, double baked potatoes, and trimmings are on the menu. Supper is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30. Dinner is eight dollars.

The tyled meting will include discussions about similarities and differences in the jurisdictions. Rev. Rick Vernon will be the featured speaker and will focus on the Closing Charge.

Email <masonicfellowship@gmail.com> to make reservations before November 10. For questions, call David Stapleton at (614) 935-9258.



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For the first time, Annual Communication registrations were computer assisted using the barcode on your dues card.

Your articles and NC Mason Deadlines

Got something you want to say? Have an announcement to make or invitation to get out? If your lodge never gets mentioned here, appoint yourself lodge reporter, and keep us posted on what you guys are doing. Got suggestions for features? Requests for information? We don’t have the space for everything, but we’ll make every effort to take care of those things with the broadest interest across the state. The dates below will give you an idea of when you need to get timely matters to us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Jernigan, right, receives his Montfort Medal from GM Mayo.



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Ammons, right, receives his Montfort Medal from GM Mayo.

Jernigan and Ammons honored as Mayo presents two Montfort Medals

WINSTON-SALEM —Grand Master Dalton Mayo presented Montfort Medals to Past Grand Master Gene Tart Jernigan and J. Luigi Ammons at Annual Communication. The Montfort is the highest honor bestowed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Some years ago, as financial woes threatened the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, it was Jernigan who stepped up to make the hard decisions and correct calls to save the institution. He presided over MESH’s transition to WhiteStone, A Masonic and Eastern Star Community. He is current chairman of WhiteStone’s Board of Directors and has presided over the Home’s very successful expansion and improvements. He performs those duties while continuing to lead his business in Dunn. Jernigan is a member of Mingo 206, Orphans 261, Mosaic 762, and Wilkerson College 760.

Luigi Ammons is perhaps best known among the certified lecturers for whom he served as a secretary to the Board of Custodians. He was grand lecturer in 2012 and has served on several Grand Lodge committees including currently on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities. Ammons is a member of Millbrook 97, where he has been secretary and newsletter editor among many other duties.

The Montfort Medal is the highest honor presented by our Grand Lodge. It is given for “distinguished Masonic service or achievement.” A grand master may present only three during his tenure. The award is named for Joseph Montfort, a member of Royal White Hart 2 in Halifax who was named in 1771 “provincial grand master of and for America” by the Grand Lodge of England, the only man ever to hold that title.

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saw the memorial design contest, helped Trey cast and mold the sculpture and provided advice along the way.

“The whole concept was to create a memorial by students, for students,” Jubran said. It also gave students the chance to work on an active commission. The Student Memorial Garden was commissioned for \$35,000, which included \$10,000 in site preparation, and was paid by the Student Government Association. Twenty-three entries were received.

Trey’s idea for the sculpture came from a piece he had created just weeks before the contest was announced. The sculpture, called “Rough Patch,” had the same circle except with a wedge of cast iron. “Since I just did the circle piece, I thought of the circle of life, and to have it broken at the top, and then the doves,” Trey said.

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Trey lost friends in Fallujah in 2004. “About three-fourths of my company got Purple Hearts. I’ve been to the services, and I’ve seen memorials that I felt captured the essence... and others I didn’t understand,” Martin said, adding that he wanted the memorial he created to be recognizable, not something that people would scratch their head in wonder. “I wanted to use that experience and make this piece.”

When he finished his tour of duty, Trey started out in engineering, then business, then ath-



Cliff Hollis photo

letic training. “Then, I saw all the sculptures on campus and put two and two together,” he said.

He said he likes sculpture because “you can be heavy-handed with it. I like to beat things with hammers. You can heat stuff up and bend it. Just the satisfaction of taking a flat piece of steel and cutting it, and shaping it, and welding it, and grinding it, and turning it into something completely different,” Trey said. “It’s like an erector set. Who didn’t like erector or Lincoln Logs?”

It’s just like that kid in his dad’s shop more than a decade ago.

Trey married recently and has been out of school. He hopes to return in the spring and finish his degree as well as return to art full time.

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District deputy grand masters and grand lecturers were seated on either side of the ceremonial lodge floor. Grand Lodge officers from the grand lodges of North Carolina Prince Hall, Ontario, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, as well as sitting officers from state appendant bodies were escorted to the stage which held the podium and the symbolic East. Finally, our past grand masters were brought to the stage. Each group was welcomed and accorded private grand honors.

Mansour Hatefi, past grand master and past grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, delivered the keynote. Hatefi, a refugee from Iran, spoke on the joys of his American citizenship and the importance of our fraternity remembering our fraternal lessons of toleration and promoting it in our communities.

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

Immediately after lunch, and before retying the lodge, representatives of North Carolina's Masonic youth groups: Rainbow for Girls' Schifra Drew and DeMolay Andrew Williard, spoke to the gathering. After the non-Masons were escorted from the lodge hall, we resumed labor. A ceremony, the Necrology, was conducted by Past Grand Master David Cash to honor our members who died this past year.

At the conclusion of the Necrology, Grand Master Mayo presented his preliminary report on his year thus far. Friday afternoon saw business requiring voting. The Committee on Appeals' recommendations were considered by the delegates. Two expelled members were restored and two were rejected. Amendment voting began and was continued on Saturday morning.

Grand Master Mayo called us from labor to refreshment about 4:00 P.M., ending the first day of our business session. On Friday evening, Masons were seen in groups around downtown Winston-Salem. They enjoyed the entertainment and many restaurants around the center of the city. They got to visit with old friends and brothers they never met before.

The final business session of the Annual Communication began at 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning. The first business before us on the second day was the 2015 budget. Finance Committee Chairman Grover Dees, of Fellowship 84 in Smithfield, presented the budget and called for discussion after each section. Interspersed between those parts, delegates marked ballots to elect Grand Lodge officers for next year. The budget was approved as presented.

Elections proceeded without surprise with elected officers advancing a station and the grand treasurer and grand secretary comfortably holding their seats. Statesville 27 member Douglas L. Caudle was elected to become our next grand master. Caudle is president of Piedmont Fiberglass, makers of various composite products from church steeples to tractor tops. He is also a member of Wilkerson College 760, Orphans 761, Grassy Knob 471, and Sophia 767. He and the other new officers will be installed December 6.

The Grand Lodge voted to grant a charter to Sophia Lodge No. 767 in Salisbury.

We had ten amendment groups to *The Code* to be considered during the meeting. The most controversial consideration this year regarded allowing the use of alcohol on lodge property. Similar



Caudle



Thompson



measures have been debated and rejected for some years. Substitute **Group 8b** was discussed at length. It would have permitted the four temple associations to experiment with alcohol using rentals. A written ballot showed the measure won a majority of the votes, 460-420, but it was short of the two-thirds necessary for amending *The Code*.

Substitute **Group 8a** was next on the agenda. It forbids the use of alcohol in the lodge room. It allows lodges to amend their bylaws to allow or forbid such beverages in facilities they own. Only one person asked to speak to the amendment. He urged the Grand Lodge to seize control of their own buildings and vote for the amendment. They did. The amendment clearly carried the needed two-thirds vote. Grand Lodge will define necessary "terms and standards" for such rentals to assure safe and responsible policy.

Amendment **Group 1** was sent back to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to work on details and several questions which arose in discussions of conducting business in lower degrees. While the concept of including advancing candidates in lodge meetings is inviting, its complications reach deep into our customs and regulations.

Group 2, Group 4, and Group 5 were defeated. Two and Five would have permitted officers and members of Grand Lodge boards, commissions,

and committees to live outside the state. **Group 4** would have allowed lodge trustees live out of state.

Group 3 was sent back to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for further work. It attempts to clarify the residency requirement of district deputy grand masters.

Group 6 was returned to the Code Commission because of potential tax law concerns. This group addressed fundraisers for non-charitable lodge projects.

Group 7 passed. It permits a member to serve as master of more than one lodge at the same time only with a grand master's dispensation. The change is effective immediately.

Group 9 was a rewrite and modernization of the *Trial Code*. It is being returned to the Code Commission for further clarification and consideration of some changes.

Group 10, allowing the Board of Custodians to create and present miscellaneous certificates, passed easily.

In addition to Doug Caudle's selection, also elected to Grand Lodge offices were Bryant D. Webster (Nichols-West Asheville), deputy grand master; A. Gene Cobb Jr. (Royal White Hart 2), senior grand warden; Jimmie B. Hicks Jr. (St. John's 3), junior grand warden; T. Walton Clapp III (Mystic Tie 237), grand secretary; and PGM Lewis R. Ledford (Statesville 27), grand treasurer.

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Winston-Salem

Plans are developing for a 26th Masonic District chicken stew cook off. We've gotten no details yet.

Old Town 751's big Fall Fundraiser is coming up November 3. Raffle prizes include a television, three guns, and a substantial prize from a men's clothing store.

— *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Highlands

Blue Ridge 435 recently fed the members of Highlands United Methodist Church. About 150 were entertained. The lodge was having their own picnic July 16.

Blue Ridge Lodge's Ruger raffle brought in \$1,200 for charity.

Two of their members, Neville Wilson and Morris Wilson earned their Veteran's Emblems for 50 years as Masons.

Knights of Solomon Lodge met at Blue Ridge Lodge this summer. Several members of the host lodge joined the more than two-dozen biker Masons during their meeting.

— *Trestleboard*

Statesville

A "good ol' fashion cook out" is a great way to spend a hot summer evening. That was just the plan at Statesville 27 for July 15. Sitting under the big oak behind the lodge, they were telling stories and lies and grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. Also on the program were watermelon, homemade ice cream, lemonade, and corn hole tournaments.

— *The Joppa Informer*

Weaverville

Blackmer 170 held their fall barbecue fundraiser September 13.

— Terry Gevedon

Cary

Cary 198 had their Past Masters' Night August 18. Now, things will pick up in the fall. They have move-up month in September with officers moving up one station for the practice. November 7 is the date for their Fall Barbecue, and their Ladies' and Awards Night is set for November 21.

— *Cary Masonic Lodge*

Apex

Cucina de Milano restaurant in Morrisville was the site for Apex 584's biggest fundraiser of the year. They brought in nearly \$1,900 from the 44 attendees on June 14.

Apex Master Dave Nyce recently presented Tony King a Masonic pocket knife on appreciation for all he does for the lodge. King is currently secretary of Apex Lodge, but has done much more for the lodge over the years, as their only certified lecturer. He presented his first lecture in the lodge in 1974.

— *Trestleboard*

Boone

Snow 363 was presenting service awards to members on July 21. Getting Veteran's Emblems for 50 years Masonic membership were Doug Carson, Lynn Castle, Steve Castle, Ed Critcher, Robert Denton, and Robert Greer.

Snow Lodge's annual barbecue fundraiser was set for July 18.

— *Snow Lodge*

Ramseur

Marietta 444 was holding a Country Breakfast May 10.

— Clay Andrews

Candler

Hominy 491 was holding a flapjack fundraiser in conjunction with Applebees on September 13.

— Terry Gevedon

Marshall

French Broad 292 held their Widows' and Past Masters' night on September 13. They held it at the Madison Seminary Church.

— Terry Gevedon

Laurinburg

Gun raffles seem popular these days. Laurinburg 305 is selling chances on three guns and drawing for them on November 4. Money raised goes to Masonic charities.

— Jason Butler

Green Level

Vince Thompson and Scott Rose were honored by Green Level 277 with Coach's Certificates August 5 saluting their hours teaching candidates in the lodge.

— Stan Latta

New Bern

St. John's 3 had a busy and successful weekend May 17-18. On Saturday, they raised \$1,000 for the Masonic Home for Children and WhiteStone with a yard sale. On Sunday, they collected 42 pints for a blood drive.

— James Wiley

Kenansville

St. John's 13 celebrated Independence Day with a family cookout at their July stated communication. Family, friends, and lodge widows were invited to come and share hamburgers and hot dogs.

— *Lodge Log*

Hope Mills

Lebanon 391 representatives Marvin Wood and Andrew F. McMillan repeated a tradition of the lodge on August 14. They traveled to the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford to deliver piggy banks filled by lodge members.

— Andrew F. McMillan

Beulaville

Beulaville 658 held a pancake supper July 11. The five-dollar all-you-can-eat Friday night supper brought in donations for the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford.

— William David Miller

Durham

Members of Fellowship 687 enjoyed lunch and a tour of WhiteStone when they delivered the proceeds of their recent annual golf tournament.

— Rene Couch

Deep Gap

Asher 373's newly renovated fellowship hall was the center of the action for their Fourth of July barbecue fundraiser. They were very pleased with the results — \$1,500 for the Masonic Homes.

— Keegan Watson

Black Mountain

The Past Masters' and Awards Banquet at Black Mountain 663 was scheduled for September 8.

— Terry Gevedon

Gastonia

King Solomon 704 continued a recent tradition by dining at the Passion Pit before their August stated communication.

— *The Plumb Line*

Franklin

Junaluskee 145 was holding a Poor Man's Dinner July 19.

— *Trestleboard*

Correction

John Barnette of St. John's 13 recently earned his Veteran's Emblem. His name was misspelled in our last issue. We regret the error.

Ric Carter photos

PICNIC, from page 1

This year, more than 200 people attended the Thursday, picnic, raising about \$1,000 for the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. The day is organized by Mocksville 134, Farmington 265, and Advance 710. Masters of the three lodges spoke briefly. Mocksville Mayor Dr. F. W. Slate was honored for his many years of service to the community. The Masons presented him and his wife a plaque thanking them for their dedication.

Corinthian 17 (PHA) held their Community Fest Day Saturday, August 9. They had food vendors and gospel singers entertaining. They emphasized educating the "community on health and social issues."

Mocksville 134 Master Henry M. Bruce, left, and Corinthian 17 Master Bobby G. Bell are seen here during the Community Fest Day of the Mocksville Picnic.



MORE MILEPOSTS



HALIFAX — On August 5, Royal White Hart 2 presented honorary memberships to three Masons. Junior Grand Warden Gene Cobb presented the honors to Past Grand Master William B. Brunk, Past Grand Master William L. Dill, and *NC Mason* Editor Ric Carter. Seen here, from left, are Royal White Hart Master Randy Bowen, Brunk, Dill, Carter, and Cobb. — Randy Bowen



PIKEVILLE — On June 19, Former United States Representative Martin Lancaster, right, received his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years membership in Harmony 340. Lodge Master Ronnie Jones, left, made the presentation at their Past Masters' and Ladies' Night held in his honor. — Doug Lancaster



APEX — Oscar F. Sears, right, recently received his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years as a Mason. He is seen here getting the award from Apex 584 Master David Nyce. Sears was unable to attend a brunch the lodge held in his honor. — David Nyce



SEABOARD — Seaboard 378 held their Ladies' and Awards Banquet June 23. Rodney Allen Edwards, right, was presented with his 50-year Veterans Emblem by Lodge Master John Young. Less than a month elapsed between his initiation and raising in 1964. Edwards was accompanied by his wife, two daughters, and his brother during the occasion. — Freddie Hill



ENFIELD — Kesler Askew recently received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership from Enfield 447. Sam Manning Jr., who was unable to attend, earned his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership. — James Whitley



GARNER — On Memorial Day, May 26, Garner 701 presented William Thomas Gainey his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. His wife and daughter assisted in the presentation. — Gray Anthony



ZEBULON — Wilson Stallings, center, was recently honored for his 50 years Masonic service. He was presented his Veteran's Emblem by Zebulon 609 Master Floyd Edwards, right, and Past District Deputy Grand Master Bob Barron, left.



CASAR — Hugh Price, center, of Casar 579 was presented his 50-year Veteran's Award June 5. Lodge Master Kenny Warlick and Bob Braswell made the presentation. — Eric Newton



REIDSVILLE — Jefferson Penn 384's Dean P. Craddock, left, was presented his 50-year Veteran's Emblem on June 17. The award was presented by Master Paul Tutherow, right. He was pinned by Senior Deacon Johnny Hoover, center who is one of his Sunday School students. Craddock is a past master of Corinthian 542 in Greensboro. — Paul D. Tutherow



LEXINGTON — Albert Gobble and John Eanes recently got their Veteran's Emblems recognizing their 50 years as Masons at Lexington-Memorial 473. Roy West made the presentations. Seen here, from left, are West, Will Fulbright, Gobble, and Eanes. — Thomas Jolly



ZEBULON — At their August meeting, Zebulon 609 presented Joseph Temple, center, his Veteran's Emblem honoring his 50 years as a Mason. The presentation was made by Past District Deputy Grand Master Bob Barron, left, and Lodge Master Floyd Edwards.



HIGHLANDS — Brothers Morris Wilson, left, and Neville Wilson, center, were, on July 17, presented their Veteran's Emblems for their 50 year in the fraternity. They are seen here receiving the awards from Blue Ridge 435 Master Kenneth Crowe. — Gordon Jolly

Officer Boot Camps coming soon

RALEIGH — Officers' Boot Camps and Coaches Workshops will be held this fall at four different locations in the state. Boot Camp is designed to train lodge line officers in essential leadership skills for their travel to the East. The forum provides up-to-date and informative material on effective lodge management and planning. The Board of Custodians is hosting a Coaches Workshop in conjunction with the Boot Camps this year.

Boot Camp and the Coaches Workshops are separate; one-day sessions held on four Saturdays in October and November. The October 18 session will be held at the Salisbury Masonic Temple, 401 N. Fulton Street in Salisbury; the November 1 session at Concord 58, 1601 Barlow Road, Tarboro; November 15, Asheville Masonic Temple at 80 Broadway; and the November 22, Semper Fidelis 680, 727 Henderson Drive, Jacksonville. The two schools are held simultaneously, so attendees must choose

one. These sessions offer lodges across the state unparalleled opportunities for development. As each session stands on its own, you need only attend one session to get the full Boot Camp or Coaches Workshop experience.

Boot Camp is provided free by the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee and Wilkerson College. Participants receive a workbook and other material. You will be responsible for your own lunch. While Boot Camp is most helpful to lodge line officers, they are open all members.

The Boot Camps were conceived as a way of providing leadership training for officers who could not attend Wilkerson College, or who would like a refresher of the Wilkerson College program. Topics include Masonic Education in the Blue Lodge, Motivation, Fundraising, The Master's Toolbox, Steps to Dynamic Lodge Leadership, and The Proven Path. Brothers scheduled to present

at the boot camps include Deputy Grand Master Doug Caudle, Jim Medlin, Rick Smith, Grand Steward Shaun Bradshaw, Larry Thompson, Ben Wallace, Luigi Ammons, and Kevin Combs.

Coaches Workshops are aimed at brothers who coach candidates through the degrees. These sessions are focused on wording of the catechism, commonly misused words, and mentoring techniques. Those interested are encouraged to bring their *OSWs* and *Babnson Manuals*. Board of Custodians Secretary David Potts will lead the coaches' sessions. To register or for more information, contact David Potts at unc1969@hotmail.com or (704) 223-1969.

This is the sixth year for the Boot Camps. Participants in previous years have remarked on its value in their development as leaders. For more information on the Boot Camps, contact Kevin Combs at (704) 929-9707 or secretarync27@gmail.com.

MILEPOSTS



CASAR — Loy Norman, center, was presented his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years membership June 5. Casar Master Kenny Warlick and Bob Braswell presented the award. — Eric Newton



SNEADS FERRY — Stump Sound 733's Billy Ennett, right, received his Diamond Jubilee July 22. Master William Brandon, left, presented the award honoring Ennett's 60 years in the fraternity at a special dinner held in the honor of service award recipients. Gerald Padgett, who earned his 50-year Veteran's Emblem, was unable to attend. — Robert J. McLaughlin



HENDERSONVILLE — As a courtesy to Florida's Orlando 69, Kedron 387 recently presented Joe Gibeault, right, is 65-Year Award from the Grand Lodge of Florida. Kedron Master Wiley B. Kessler, left, made the presentation. Gibeault is a new member of Kedron Lodge. — Spence Campbell



GREENVILLE — D. Calvin Stokes, right, was recently presented his 60-year Diamond Jubilee by St. John's 3. Past Grand Master William L. Dill visited Crown Point 708 here to make the presentation. — Charles R. Sumerlin



STEDMAN — On August 8, Grand Master Dalton Mayo, center, presented two service awards at Stedman 730. Archie C. Fields, left, the second brother raised by 730 after its charter was issued in 1964, got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership. Arnold Pope, right, got his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years as a Mason. Fields did all his degree work in a span of 15 days; Pope in 22 days. — Thomas Pope



HERTFORD — Perquimans 106 held their Ladies Night Banquet August 12. Several lodge members got service awards that night. Carlton Davenport and Ray Guest got their Diamond Jubilees honoring their 60 years as Masons. Horace Cohoon got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership. Past District Deputy Grand Master Phil Johnson made the presentations. Seen here, from left, are Davenport, Guest, and Cohoon. Honorees unable to attend were 60-year member Tom Brown and 50-year Mason Edgar Ray Evans. — Paul Gregory



HALIFAX — Royal White Hart 2's Winford Dickens, center, recently earned the Grand Lodge Diamond Jubilee for his 60 years as a lodge member. He is seen here receiving the award from Junior Grand Warden Gene Cobb, left, and Lodge Master Randy Bowen, right. — Randy Bowen



ZEBULON — Johnnie Horton, center, was honored by Zebulon 609 in June for his 60 years in the lodge. He is seen here receiving his Diamond Jubilee from PDDGM Bob Barron, left and Zebulon Master Floyd Edwards.



GREENSBORO — Gate City 694's Jack Crater, right, recently received his 60-year Diamond Jubilee. A past master of West Bend 434, he was well known for his many years as installing officer for the lodge, a duty he performed from memory. His award was presented by West Bend Secretary Joey Transou, left. — Bob Blair



GREENVILLE — On June 12, James W. Jenkins, center, was presented his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years in the lodge. The presentation was performed by Past Grand Master William L. Dill, left, and Crown Point 708 Master Justin Robinson, right. Mr. Jimmy was master of Crown Point in 1963 and continues to be "an inspiration to the younger Masons." — Charles R. Sumerlin



LEXINGTON — Vernon A. Darr, right, received his Diamond Jubilee for his 60 years as a Mason on July 17. The Lexington Memorial 473 member was presented the award by Doug T. Sink, left. Senior Deacon Will Fulbright escorted Darr before the altar for the ceremony. — Thomas Jolly



WILKESBORO — A contingent from Mt. Pleasant 573 recently ventured to Mountain City, Tennessee to call on their Brother Paul E. Welborn. They visited him June 10 to present his Diamond Jubilee award celebrating his 60 years as a Mason. Seen here are, from left, Master Dwight Church, Welborn, Paul's nephew Greg Welborn, and 33rd District Deputy Grand Master Bobby Nichols. — Dwight Church



CULLOWHEE — East LaPorte 358 held their Awards Night in August. They honored their 60-year members. Seen here, from left, are James Baxter Wood, John Winfred Ashe, Frank Louin Hooer, John Davis Buchanan, and Andrew Jackson Wood. Their other two Diamond Jubilee members, Christopher Earb Burrell and Harold Vance Craft, were unable to attend. — Thomas Turrentine



MESH charity growing

GREENSBORO — This year marks a turning point for Masonic charity at WhiteStone, A Masonic and Eastern Star Community. In July, the NC Masonic and Eastern Star Home Foundation awarded funds to six fraternal applicants to help them move into WhiteStone. The approved applicants include two Masons, one Eastern Star member, two widows of Masons, and the mother of a Mason. These are the first new WhiteStone residents to enter with assistance since 2005. That was the year charitable support for new residents was suspended when shortfalls in charitable giving necessitated that fraternal contributions go to support residents already in the Home.

The MESH Foundation was established in 2012 to administer Masonic and Eastern Star donations to WhiteStone residents, provide financial assistance to fraternally related residents, and assist those needing financial support to enter the Home. The Foundation ensures that every donated dollar benefits fraternal residents in need. By 2013, an increasing number of lodges contributed directly to the MESH Foundation, enabling it to give \$340,000 for charity at WhiteStone compared to \$98,000 the previous year.

Last year the Foundation took advantage of the unexpected availability of space in WhiteStone's Bennett Building to reserve four one-bedroom apartments and two studio apartments for charitable purposes. Two of these spaces are now occupied by the applicants admitted in July.

WhiteStone reported that 2013 financial assistance was provided to 43 fraternal residents in the form of room and board, medical supplies, pharmacy needs, and other expenses that they otherwise could not afford. WhiteStone subsidized 25 Eastern Star Members, two Masonic members, and 16 Masonic-affiliated family members at a total estimated cost of \$1,334,000. Of these 43 residents, 21 were in Medicaid nursing home beds partially subsidized by the state and WhiteStone, and 22 lived in residential apartments. In addition to the subsidies that either our charities or the state provide, the residents contribute as much as they can afford toward the costs of their care.

WhiteStone also operates a medical equipment loan program and information hotline for fraternal members across the state. The Home loans surplus equipment to fraternal members and provides guidance for members and their families who need information on Medicaid, Medicare, and VA support and services.

Applications for MESH Foundation assistance are on the Grand Lodge website under News and Events/Media Articles and are also available from the Grand Secretary's office. Lodges and individuals are encouraged to send their charitable contributions directly to the MESH Foundation at 700 S. Holden Road, Greensboro, NC 27407.

For more information on WhiteStone call Mark Kolada at (336) 547-2992 or contact him at <mkolada@LiveatWhiteStone.org>.

Trey makes a memorial

By Crystal Baity

GREENVILLE — As a kid, East Carolina University student Donald "Trey" Martin III, a member of St. Patrick's 617 in Princeton, would hang around his dad's shop welding scrap pieces of metal, trying to make a bigger or taller creation than his last.

Now that boyhood pastime is the 28-year-old's major at ECU. Last spring Martin's design for a sculpture — the centerpiece of the Student Memorial Garden — was selected from three student finalists in a campus-wide vote.

Since then, Martin devoted thousands of hours to completing the almost 12-foot bronze and granite piece in time for the unveiling and dedication February 22 of last year.

It helped that his dad, Ed, who is a master welder, and his dad's equipment in Johnston County have been at Trey's side. Dad even helped him install the piece in the middle of a rare eastern North Carolina snowfall.

"I can't stand to spend money on something I can do myself and having the tools to manipulate metal at my fingertips solves a lot of that," he said. "It's been a big learning experience. I've learned more doing this than I have doing anything else."

"There was a lot of bending and banging together on the anvil," Trey said. "It's one total piece from the very bottom to the very top, it's all connected, all blended."

Forklifts, chain hoists, and a handmade rotating cutter, while not everyday art tools, were used in the creation of the bronze piece. Thousands of pounds of sand were used to create the sand molds that provided the outline of the piece. "Everything is just so heavy,"

Trey said. "You can't just grab something and toss it around." Several friends, current and recent ECU graduates in the School of Art and Design, helped with the sculpture. Sculpture professors Dr. Carl Billingsley and Dr. Hanna Jubran, who over-

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