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Caudle becomes 162nd grand master Grand Lodge installs 2015 officers

STATESVILLE — On Saturday, December 6, in a ceremony repeated many times in the history of our fraternity, Douglas L. Caudle became the 162nd man to serve as grand master of Masons in North Carolina. He and his officers were installed at a 10:00 A.M. gathering here in the Statesville Civic Center.

Caudle's journey in the Grand Lodge line began when he was appointed grand steward by David R. Cash shortly after Cash was elected grand master in 2007. Past Grand Master Cash, now as installing officer, assisted his appointee in beginning the final steps on his path through the line.

Pianist Brenda Wallace played, and the officers of Sophia 767 served as ushers as the crowd entered the hall. The installation ceremony began with a welcome from Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo and the presentation of colors by the National Sojourners' Heroes of '76. The officers-elect entered with their wives and were seated in the audience. The officer stations on the stage were held by pro tempore

stand-ins — the masters of the 30th Masonic District.

The crowd of more than 300 sang "America the Beautiful." Installing Secretary Chris Richardson introduced each of the officers as they stood, hand over heart, to take their obligation. Assistant Installing Marshal Dewey R. Preslar Jr. (PGM) escorted Caudle to the altar after his introduction by Installing Marshal William B. Brunk (PGM). There, he knelt for the prayer made by Installing Chaplain Thomas P. Dolinger.

Installing Officer David R. Cash (PGM) then installed Caudle as grand master of Masons in North Carolina. PGM Preslar invested him with the apron and collar of the office. The new grand master was then seated in the East and observed as Cash installed the rest of the officers.

The ceremony was very similar to the one you see

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Caudle is new grand master

On December 6, Douglas Lynn Caudle was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. He is the 162nd man to hold that office. He was elected grand master at our Annual Communication in September.

Caudle was born May 20, 1963 to Phares and Carrie Caudle. He has spent his life in Iredell and Alexander counties.

Doug and Angela Johnston Caudle have been married for 26 years. They live in Statesville and on a small farm in Stony Point.

The Caudles own and operate Piedmont Fiberglass in Taylorsville. The company manufactures various composite products in the architectural, aquatic, and transportation industries. He has served on the Board of Directors for the American Composites Manufacturing Association.

He is a member of Statesville 27, Orphans 761, Wilkerson College 760, Grassy Knob 471, and Sophia 767. He is also a member of several appendant organizations. He first joined Statesville 27 where he was initiated August 31, 1993, passed October 19, and raised November 6, 1993. He served the lodge as master in 1998.

Doug Caudle served on various Grand Lodge committees and boards over the years. For six years, he was chairman of the Board of Directors for the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. Grand Master David R. Cash appointed him to the Grand Lodge line in 2007. Caudle was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the Masonic Restoration Foundation.

He has served on the Alexander County Economic Development Corporation and Alexander County Education Foundation. Caudle has collected coins since he was 12 years old.



Douglas L. Caudle
Grand Master

Thompson joins line

Upon his election to the office of grand master in September, Grand Master Douglas Caudle appointed Larry B. Thompson Jr. grand steward. That puts Thompson at the bottom rung of North Carolina's progressive line to become grand master. He is a resident of Salisbury, NC.

Thompson was born in Troy, NC on May 11, 1966 to Larry Bogan and Ellen Jean Gardner Thompson. He was raised in Mount Gilead.

He is a 1988 graduate of Appalachian State University and is employed as an environmental supervisor with the North Carolina Department of Transportation. He is a biologist and licensed soil scientist who has also operated his own environmental consulting company for the past 14 years.

Thompson is married to Angela Hillard Thompson and they are parents to six children who range in age from 6 weeks to 17 years.

He is a member of Blackmer 127,



Larry B. Thompson
Junior Grand Steward

Wilkerson College 760, Mosaic 762, Knights of Solomon 764, and Sophia 767. He first joined Masonry in Blackmer 127 where he was initiated May 1, 2001; passed July 10, 2001; and was raised August 21, 2001. He was Blackmer's master in 2004, Wilk-

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THE BOTTOM LINE



A changing of the guard

By Douglas L. Caudle
Grand Master

My Brothers, I am struggling to find the words that properly express to you the gratitude that I have for your electing me your 162nd grand master. As I men-

tioned in my acceptance remarks, I am likely the most ordinary man to ever hold this high office. I come from a family of ordinary folks who taught me the value of hard work and dedication. I'm an ordinary man who petitioned a blue lodge because I saw the caliber of men in my community who were Masons and knew that this organization must be something special. Special men they were because these men took an ordinary guy and showed him how to be a Mason. Not by words only, but by deeds. Not by photo opportunities, but by living out their obligations. My wife Angela and I have spoken many times that if not for Freemasonry, we would have never had the privilege of meeting so many wonderful and dedicated people.

Plans for 2015

Along with your other Grand Lodge officers, we have many exciting opportunities to continue the good works begun by our predecessors. We did not wait until installation to start making plans for 2015. Work began on November 7-8 with a joint meet-

ing of the DDGMs and DDGLs of our 41 districts across the state. This meeting was held at WhiteStone and had multiple benefits. We had the opportunity to meet and fellowship while showcasing all of the many upgrades to our Home in Greensboro. This meeting also gave us the opportunity to share plans for the upcoming year. I have requested that each DDGM have at least two group meetings with the masters and wardens of each lodge in his district. These meetings will be to encourage cooperation between the lodges, discuss best practices, plan for the year, and assist with the execution of the plans. We discussed many topics which included, Masonic education, ritual proficiency, FUNd raising, lodge budgets, misinformation about WhiteStone, creating value in our lodges, and communicating better with our members. I will be meeting bimonthly with the DDGMs via conference call to follow up and assist with executing these plans. Plans are already underway to continue with these annual joint meetings with the 2015 session being held at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and at the Grand Lodge Office in 2016.

Masonic Education

Your Masonic Education Committee has been hard at work developing new programs and enhancing existing ones. The *Officers Handbook* has been updated and is now available on the Grand Lodge website. (I encourage you to take a moment to review this and the *System for Masonic Education*; both are treasure troves of

wonderful information.) There will also be a new series of lectures on allegory and symbolism at several areas around the state. These lectures delve into the meanings of our words, phrases, and symbols of our craft, as well as, the esoteric meaning of our degrees. The Wardens Boot Camps and Coaches Workshops will be continued and enhanced this year as well. The committee is working with the Grand Lodge staff to update and improve the resources available on the Grand Lodge website.

Area Meetings

We have expanded the grand master's area meetings this year to 28 locations around the state. I look forward to meeting each of you and spending time in good Masonic fellowship. I will be encouraging each of you to "find your quarry" to work in. North Carolina Masonry has many lodges who have a wide variety of experiences that can fit your needs. Whether you want to emphasize fundraising, ride a motorcycle, fellowship with your Brothers, focus on Masonic education, or wear a tuxedo and observe the older traditions of our craft, there is a lodge for you. By finding your quarry, you will take a rough ashlar and polish it to a more perfect ashlar by dwelling with like-minded Brothers.

I am encouraged each day by the passion that so many of you have for our gentle craft. You have entrusted in me the privilege to serve you as grand master. For that, my Brothers, I will work each day to continue to earn that trust.



For the holidays and new year,
 May the blessings of Heaven rest
 upon us and all Masons,
 their families, and neighbors.
 May brotherly love prevail,
 and every moral and social virtue
 cement us.

Best wishes from your family at
 The NC Mason, the Grand Lodge
 office, and the print shop at the
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Masons supporting kids' educations



FUQUAY-VARINA — Fuquay 258 named Brandon Mendez, center, their 2014 scholar. He was awarded \$1,000 to help him during his college career at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mendez and his family joined the lodge for dinner for the presentation. Seen here are, from left, Scholarship Committee member Tim Allen, Mendez, and Natalie Scharf. — Frank A. Bowles



HOLLY SPRINGS — Historic Holly Springs 115 awarded three scholarships of \$500 each as part of their ongoing civic and charitable activities. The Holly Springs recipients of these awards are, from left, Laura Brady attending University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Michaela Richer attending Wake Tech, and John C. Dullaghan attending NC State University. — Vinnie DeBenedetto



DENVER — On June 17, Denver 757 presented its first scholarships to four Lincoln County students. The lodge raised \$5,000 for the scholarships with a golf tournament at Westport Golf Club September 28, 2013. On June 17, they honored the four students and their families. The recipients were Tatum Marie Auvil who will be attending UNC Chapel Hill; Western Carolina University bound Jeremy Alexander Brotherton; Lily Elena Duvall headed for UNC-Charlotte; and Isaac Yia Moua who will be attending Gaston College. Seen here, from left, are Brian Nixon, Duvall, Brotherton, Auvil, and Lodge Master Lee Nichols. — Ken Carnley



Carranza

ASHEBORO — Asheboro 699 presented three \$500 scholarships to local college-bound students this year. In the accompanying photos: Senior Warden Matthew Needham presents Randleman High School's Merribel Carranza her check; Steve Coleman and Logan Paige Hill of Southwestern Randolph High School; and Master Steven Robbins and Perla Castro of Asheboro High School. — Robert A. Graves



Hill



Castro



Pictured, from left, are: Aaron Ritter, Saint John's I; David Grace, Saint John's I; Adam Jennings, Saint John's I; Chris Jones, Saint John's I; and Lynn Williamson, Federal Point 753.

Helping Habitat

WILMINGTON — Masons in the 12th Masonic District are helping out Habitat for Humanity. The project makes decent housing possible for people in need. They build or repair homes with volunteer labor and help provide nonprofit mortgages for their clients.

On Saturday, July 12, six Masons from the 12th District met at 7:45 A.M. on Clay Street in Wilmington to help build a house.

The day's main focus was installing the roof, and there were plenty of other jobs for anyone who was unable to climb onto the roof. Participants found it to be "a great opportunity for those of us in the craft to practice the greatest of Masonic tenets, charity." They reported, "It was a great morning of brotherly affection, and we all look forward to doing it again next year with a bigger group." — Terry Kuhn



Crews were roofing the day Masons volunteered.



WILSON — Wilson 712 recently held their annual T. Bruce Boyette Memorial Scholarship Banquet. Pictured, from left, are Tyler Nichols headed for East Carolina University; Nicole Williams going to Johnston Community College; Lodge Master Davis Wheeler; Alexis Ellis, to East Carolina University; and Shonte Jones bound for Elizabeth City State University. Each student was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for the upcoming school year. — Bill Fardy



MOREHEAD CITY — Ocean 405 presented its first scholarships this year. They financed the three \$1,000 grants with a barbecue and donations. Two of the scholars, Makenzie Bronwyn Guthrie, right, and Jon Christopher Buckland, left, attended West Carteret High School. They got their awards May 19. The third recipient was Hans Peter Harlacher of Croatan High School who received his on May 23. No picture was available. — James Hall

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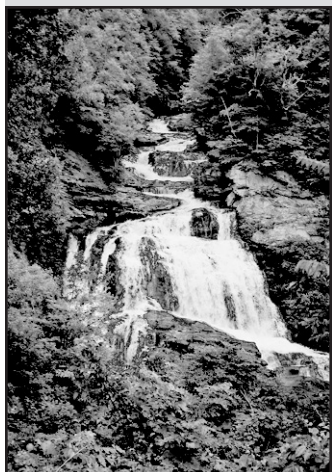
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TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



Apex

Master David Nyce has been making a point of acknowledging those members who make things happen in their lodge. Joe Hartley was honored at their September meeting for his long-time work on the Building and Grounds Committee and as lodge chaplain. Jim Dority was similarly honored in October. Nyce often gives those honored members Masonic pocket knives in display boxes.

After curing a longterm problem with water around their foundation, Apex Lodge will now look at floor repairs necessitated by the previous seepage.

In an unrelated development, Apex Lodge is looking at the possibility of increasing their dues by ten dollars next year. — *The Trestleboard*

Winston-Salem

The 26th Masonic District was holding a chicken stew cook-off on November 15. Then Deputy Grand Master Douglas Caudle was to judge the goods.

— *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Salem 289 helped with H.O.P.E. on September 20. H.O.P.E. distributes food to the needy. A crew from Salem Lodge, including Richard Lambert, Dana Lambert, George Troxler, Brian Chandler, and Gale Harkness joined the organization on a Saturday morning to help box produce for distribution. Richard Lambert and William Baker are making it an ongoing project for the lodge. — *The Salem Sentinel*

Old Town 751 had its big Fall Fund Raiser November 3. They had raffles and reverse raffles for three guns, a large television, and a substantial clothing prize. The \$25 tickets included dinner.

Old Town Lodge polled their widows this year to see whether they preferred flowers or fruit baskets for Christmas. The ladies chose fruit baskets. — *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Winston-Salem's Masonic youth groups were having a pancake supper and silent auction October 24 at Old Town 751. — Chuck Rouse



Fellowship makes it theatrical

DURHAM — Fellowship 687 donned their costumes when they performed a Master Mason Degree on two new members September 9. — Michael Adcock

Raleigh

James B. Green 735 made Luigi Ammons an honorary member earlier this year. They elected Jack Walters, their 24-year treasurer, a life member in June. In August, they elected Ron Hollamon, their secretary of 17 years, a Secretary of Distinction.

Green Lodge held their annual Fall Chicken Barbecue October 3. They enjoyed prime rib at the Past Masters' and awards Night October 25.

They held a meeting at WhiteStone on November 1.

Green Lodge entered a float in the Masonic Home for Children Homecoming Parade this year. — *The James B. Green Scene*

Hiram 40 held a barbecue chicken dinner on October 3. Profits went to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. It was the 21st year they have had the event. — Tom Imler

Kernersville

Clean-up day was held at Kernersville 669 on October 18. — Rocky Boyles

Highlands

Blue Ridge 435 was holding their Christmas Dinner December 13 at the Episcopal Church. — *Trestleboard*

Hillsborough

Mosaic 762 has begun accepting credit card payments for dues. The paying member must pay the processing fees associated with the payment.

On September 13, Mosaic Lodge opened an emergent communication to commemorate the impending end of the bachelorhood of their brother Ben Morgan. After the short meeting saluting the young man, they closed lodge and departed for further celebration.

At their September 16 stated meeting, Mosaic had dinner served by the local Rainbow for Girls. The young ladies donated the profits from the dinner to the Historic Eagle Lodge Foundation. The 501(c)(3) supports the maintenance of Eagle 19's historic building, Mosaic's meeting place. — Keith Morgan

Kings Mountain

Murphey's 20th Annual Toy Ride was held November 22. The entry fee was five dollars and a new toy. Money raised went to the Shriners Burn Center, the Masonic Home for Children, and the Kings Mountain Shop With a Cop drive. — Rodney Huse

Excelsior 261 Master Mike Gregory has initiated quarterly "Meetings of the Masons." He hopes to "foster and improve communication between our veteran and younger brothers. By using simple, fun, and informative exercises [they] will seek to bridge generational gaps."

Excelsior Lodge set their Veterans Awards Night for November 17 and their Past Masters' Third Degree Ceremony for December 6. — *Trestle Board*

Morgan's Corner

Phil Johnson and Joe Elliott poured lots of work into the First Masonic District's Truck and Tractor Pull and Concert. The annual event pulls in tons of hardware as well as tons of interest in Masonry and hefty donations to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. Music was added for the second time when this year's event was held September 20–21. Outshyne Band opened for Joe Diffie this year. — Phil Johnson

Lewisville

Chair lifts have been an affordable boon to many Brothers who have trouble negotiating lodge stairs. West Bend 434 is hoping for the same success in their lodge with two newly installed lifts. One goes down to the dining hall, the other up to the lodge room.

The lodge enjoyed a Family Day on September 20.

On the charity front, West Bend Lodge made more than \$2,300 for WhiteStone and the Masonic Home for Children with a rifle raffle. They were to have a Chicken-To-Go fundraiser October 17. — *By the Square*



Family members raised at Union Lodge

MIDLAND — Forty-one Masons were on hand for Union 618's September 29 raising of two new Masons. Both young men are part of multi-generation lodge families. William Chase Abernathy, fourth from left in front, becomes a third generation member of the lodge. He is seen here next to his grandfather Dwight Abernathy. His father, W. D. Abernathy Jr., is at the left end in the second row. Justin Alex Lovingood, fifth from the left at front, became a second generation member. His father, David Lovingood, is here beside him. Union celebrates many of their Master Mason Degrees in costume. — Roger Darrell Long

Cleveland

Scotch Ireland 154 starts having fun in the fall. They hold a party early on Halloween so the kids can still get out for trick-or-treating. Then, on November 21, they have their awards banquet.

The roof fund at Scotch Ireland Lodge now stands at about 75 per cent of its goal. They are selling chair dedications to raise the money. They have sold 22 of the 30 available chairs. — *Newsletter*

Marshall

French Broad 292 was holding their Widows' and Past Masters' Night at the Madison Seminary Church's annex on September 13. — Terry Gevedon

Southport

Pythagoras 249 held their ninth annual golf tournament for charity September 20. Also on the charity front, the lodge donated \$500 to Southport's Shop With a Cop Christmas project.

The lodge was to hold their Annual Awards and Widows Appreciation Banquet November 8. Charles H. "Skeeter" Trott was named Distinguished Tyler by the lodge in September. — *Newsletter*

Charlotte

Knights of Solomon 762's Motorcycle Charity Rally was held September 20 at Charlotte Harley Davidson in Matthews. Tickets included a barbecue lunch. They raffled off a 2014 Harley Street Glide, a 2004 chopper, two 60-inch televisions, and \$500 gift card. The chopper was won by an 80-year-old woman. The brothers promptly helped her sell the bike for a fair price. — Dennis Woolery

Charles M. Setzer 693 Junior Warden Dale Bruck tried to encourage a big turnout from his lodge at the October 21–22 District School of Instruction. He pledged a \$100 donation for each night they had the largest attendance.

On September 29, Setzer Lodge was having dinner with their neighborhood Boy Scout Troop. — *Trestleboard*

West Gate 738 held their Fall Chicken Fry October 17.

West Gate Lodge is now renting their downstairs hall to a church for Sunday services. — *News From the West*

Spruce Pine

Vesper 554's recent annual golf tournament for Masonic charities was called a "roaring success, doubling the original goal." More than 135 people participated in the event including 62 tee sponsors and 58 players.

Vesper Lodge held their annual joint meeting with Bakersville 357 October 14. They shared a barbecue supper. — *Newsletter*

Jacksonville

Semper Fidelis 680 took part in National Night Out August 5. They sold bottled water. Proceeds went to a local soup kitchen.

An anonymous member of Semper Fi donated a 51-inch plasma television to be raffled by the lodge for their charities. The winner was to be drawn at their October 11 Past Masters', Widows', and Awards Night.

Semper Fidelis planned a Family Night for October 4. — *Trestle Board*

Knights of Solomon 766 delegates rode their motorcycles to Annual Communication in September. — Beau Anthony Brown

Fayetteville

Phoenix 8 was presenting their veteran's awards September 20. After presenting the awards, the lodge and the Rainbow Girls were holding their Daddy Daughter Banquet. A special dinner for their veteran members was held November 1 at a local seafood restaurant. — Tim Dahlan

Garner

Garner 701 hosted their second annual Ride for Widows and Orphans on September 20. The 103-mile run began and ended at the American Legion Post in Fuquay-Varina. Dinner and prizes followed the ride. Entry fees were \$25 per bike and \$12 per rider. Proceeds were for WhiteStone and the Masonic Home for Children. — Matt Masters

Gastonia

King Solomon 704 was to consider adopting a dress code in their bylaws. It would, at all lodge communications, require "dress pants, dress shirts, dress shoes and socks... coat and tie may also be requested at the master's discretion." Prohibited were "shorts, t-shirts, sleeveless shirts, open-toed shoes, sandals, and flip-flops." All lodge bylaws changes require a two-thirds vote of the members present. — *The Plumb Line*

Wilmington

Orient 395 held their Annual Ladies' Luncheon October 25. At the gathering, they honor the widows, daughters, and granddaughters of their deceased members. They also recognize their Eastern Star members and Rainbow Girls. Each of the honored received a rose, and each widow got a flower arrangement. They held a drawing to give away several gift cards. A gospel group entertained the ladies. — Orient Lodge

Gibsonville

Earlier this year, Tabasco 271 members Charles Bivins and Tom Childry got their Veterans Emblems for 50 years Masonic membership. — *Trestle Board*

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If your lodge has a newsletter for its members, make sure *The North Carolina Mason* is on your mailing list. Lodge newsletters are a major source of news for Masons around the state. If you don't have one, think about starting one. Newsletters are a good way to keep your members active, happy, and informed.

Riverside celebrates centennial

CATAWBA — Riverside 606 held its 100 Years and Counting Celebration on August 25. Master Brandon Penley welcomed visitors to the centennial. Past masters filled all the officer stations. Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo and several other Grand Lodge officers were honored guests.

A proclamation from Catawba County honoring the lodge was read. Mitchell Setzer, member of the NC House of Representatives, gave the lodge a North Carolina flag and a United States flag flown over the capital on May 14, 2014.

Max Sherrill received his Diamond Jubilee for his 60 years as a Mason. The lodge's military veterans were also recognized.

Filling the chairs for the meeting were Max Sherrill as master; Phillip Spencer as senior warden; Donald Allan, junior warden; Kermit Nash, senior deacon; Kelly Nash, junior deacon; Cliff Wike, senior steward; Kyle Watts, junior steward; David Drum, tyler; Charles Abernathy, chaplain; Ray Abernathy, secretary; and Mitchell Setzer, treasurer. — Kermit Nash



Seen here at Riverside's centennial celebrations are, from left, Kelly Lee Nash, Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo, Max Sherrill, and Kermit Lee Nash



Cancer awareness

MEBANE — Bingham 272 Master Todd Smith presided in pink hat and shirt in October. He, as so many others around the country, was marking Breast Cancer Awareness Month. — Todd Smith

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dent Corn Hole Tournament was staged. The band Hicksboro Station entertained the crowd on the muggy Friday night. The fun was short-lived for the growing crowd. Lightning and rain forced all to rush for cover. The storm continued through the night, dumping two-and-a-half inches of rain on the Home.

But, Saturday was a new day!

Sunny skies greeted North Carolina's largest and best Shrine parade. Local community groups once again joined the activities. The city of Oxford hosted it's first Downtown Day for those gathered along the streets for the parade, an event synonymous with the Home. The parade features units from all three of North Carolina's Shrine Temples as well as other Masonic and community organizations and dignitaries.

By the end of the parade and on into the afternoon, 2,500 alumni, Masons, and guests feasted on the award winning barbecue, ribs, and chicken prepared by the dedicated cooking teams from around the state. The judges crowned West Bend 434 as the Grand Champion of this year's cook-off.

Saturday's highlight came as Youngsville's country music star Jason Michael Carroll took the stage and showed them the reason he has produced five Country Top 40 songs in his short career.

Throughout the afternoon, Masons, alumni, and guests toured the cottages, the School of Graphic Arts, and Cobb Center Museum. Families in attendance enjoyed the inflatable diversions donated by Ragland Productions, the concessions offered by the Home's cottages, or simply found a restful spot in the shade of the oaks of the Home. Kernersville 669 hosted Homecoming's first Pumpkin Patch sale. They sold 150 pumpkins to go home with visitors. Proceeds went to the Home.

Sunday's activities were focused on the alumni and the business of their Alumni Association.

Homecoming weekend celebrates not only the Home's past, but its future, exposing new friends and supporters to the benefits offered by our Home.

Next Homecoming is already being planned. Mark your calendars for October 9-11, 2015, and bring your family, your friends, and your lodge.



Ric Carter photos



To see more photos from Homecoming visit <http://www.ncmason.net/gallery/NC_Mason_Gallery/Homecoming2014.html> or <<http://tinyurl.com/q3gnl58>>

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Coinjock

Currituck 463 held a breakfast September 20. Eggs, sausage, pancakes, and grits are a solid way to start a Saturday, especially if you were headed for the Masonic charity tractor pull in Morgan's Corner that day. — Stan Stewart

Weaverville

Blackmer 170 held their Past Masters' and Awards Night October 14. They held their Fall Barbecue on September 13. It featured barbecue and beans. — Terry Gevedon

Vance 293 was holding their barbecue fundraiser for local charities as well as their Past Masters' and Widows' Night October 11. — Terry Gevedon

Robbinsville

On October 4, Cody Mason and Brittany Sellers were keeping things in the Robbinsville 672 Masonic family when they wed. Brittany's father and grandfather are members of Robbinsville Lodge. Cody is also a member of the lodge as are his father and grandfather. The lodge may have a standing Reference Committee nurturing this union. — Jim Hyde

Kenansville

More than 50 people attended St. John's 13's annual Family Picnic September 4 at Maxwell's Mill. Bob Williamson was awarded his Veteran's Emblem honoring his 50 years as a Mason. — Lodge Log

Spencer

Spencer 543 held a barbecue chicken dinner on September 4. They raised more than \$2,000 for our Masonic Homes as well as the various local charities the lodge supports. — On the Square and Johnny Hatley

Elizabeth City

First Christian Church invited Masons to attend their service September 21. They also invited the kids from the Masonic Home who were attending the tractor pull at Morgan's Corner that weekend. — Phil Johnson

Carthage

The spring fundraiser at Carthage 181 brought in nearly \$1,000 for charities earlier this year. This fall they were starting a raffle fundraiser that will award a \$250 grocery gift card in December. — Quarterly Trestle Board

Laurinburg

Laurinburg 305 raffled three guns at a November 4 drawing. They limited the ten-dollar chance tickets to 1,000 available. If the winner did not want a gun, they offered gift cards of \$300 to \$500. State and local charities benefitted. — Michael Nobles

Salisbury

Fulton 99 and Andrew Jackson 576 held their Masonic Charity Barbecue October 23. — Steve Schenk

Foscoe

Camp Rainbow was the site of a joint outdoor degree held September 13. Cranberry 598 and Linville 489 organized the Master Mason Degree. — Terry Gevedon

Mebane

Bingham 272 was selling North Carolina sweet potatoes in October. Proceeds were going to Masonic charities. — Todd Smith

Burnsville

Bald Creek 397 held a spaghetti supper September 20 to raise money to help the family of a local neighbor who recently passed away. — Newsletter

Benson

Relief 431 held a pancake breakfast fundraiser September 27 during the town's big annual celebration of Mule Days. — David R. Ellis and Edward Franklin Olive

Marshall

French Broad 292 was holding their Widows' and Past Masters' Night at the Madison Seminary Church's annex on September 13. — Terry Gevedon

Plymouth

Perseverance 59 raffled three firearms in October. Money raised went to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. — Keith Phelps

Candler

Hominy 491 held a flapjack fundraiser at Applebees September 13. — Terry Gevedon

Black Mountain

September 8 was the date set for Black Mountain 663's Awards Banquet. — Terry Gevedon

Rolesville

Rolesville 683 held a fish fry November 7. — Triangle Masonic Report

Union Grove

Grassy Knob 471 held their second annual turkey shoot November 8. — Joe Prevette

Huntersville

Long Creek 205 held a barbecue fundraiser for Masonic charities October 2. — Matt Stroup

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erson College 760's master in 2007, and is currently charter master of Sophia 767.

He has served on numerous Grand Lodge committees and commissions as well as district deputy grand master of the 24th Masonic District. He is a 2002 graduate of Wilkerson College which he currently serves as assistant dean. He is a member of many appendant Masonic orders.

His hobbies include collecting and riding motorcycles, upland bird hunting, and camping with the family.

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when your own lodge installs its officers. Each officer stepped to the altar, was reminded of his duties, and took an oath to serve his Grand Lodge office well. After all but one officer was installed, they switched places and Caudle installed Cash as grand chaplain, finishing the ceremony. Caudle called his wife Angela to the stage where he held his arm around her and thanked her for all the ways she made his journey possible. He then introduced Grand Historian Richard J. Smith and Grand Orator Andrew Hammer, as well as several family members. He thanked many of the people who helped with the occasion.

To close the assembly, those on the stage formed a circle of fellowship and recited the Closing Charge. The crowd then enjoyed a reception with refreshments.

The Grand Lodge officers installed were Grand Master Douglas L. Caudle (Statesville 27), Deputy Grand Master Bryant D. Webster (Nichols-West Asheville 650), Senior Grand Warden A. Gene Cobb Jr. (Royal White Hart 2), Junior Grand Warden Jimmie B. Hicks Jr. (St. John's 3), Grand Treasurer Lewis R. Ledford, PGM (Statesville 27), Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III (Mystic Tie 237), Senior Grand Deacon Speed Hallman (Eagle 19), Junior Grand Deacon Dwight McLaughlin "Mack" Sigmon (Catawba 248), Grand Marshal P. Shaun Bradshaw (Stokesdale 428), Grand Stewards R. David Wicker Jr. (Oxford 122) and Larry B. Thompson (Blackrock 127), Grand Tyler R. Kevin Combs (Statesville 27), Grand Lecturer Keith B. Rash (Harmony 299), and Grand Chaplain David R. Cash (PGM) (Campbell 374). Appointive officers who are not installed were Grand Historian Richard J. Smith (Pilot 493), Grand Orator Andrew Hammer (Grand Lodge of Virginia), and Judge Advocate James R. Stevens (Garner 701).

Pro tempore officers who took care of opening Grand Lodge and held chairs until each officer was installed were: Michael Starnes (30th DDGM, Stony Point 593) as grand master; Albert Gaylord (master of Statesville 27), deputy grand master; Jay White (master of Mt. Moriah 690), senior grand warden; Roger Speaks (master of Olin 226), junior grand warden; Phillip Keller (master of Grassy Knob 471), grand treasurer; Frank Hagar (master of Snow Creek 571), grand secretary; Fred Barkley 30th PDDGM, Lee 253), senior grand deacon; Sam Henline (master Campbell 374), junior grand deacon; Phil Cranford (master of Stony Point 593), grand marshal; Josh Cope (master Harmony 299) and Robert Green (master of Lee 253), grand stewards; Gerald Gould (master of Harmony 299), grand tyler; and J. B. Rash (Harmony 299), grand lecturer.

The day before the installation, the Board of General Purposes met for the last time with Grand Master Dalton Mayo. A dinner honoring the incoming grand master was held on Friday night at the Statesville Civic Center. The event was directed by Statesville 27's Junior Warden Duane R. Smyth.



Caudle, Webster, Cobb, Hicks, Ledford, Clapp, Hallman, Sigmon, Bradshaw, Wicker, Thompson, Combs, Rash, and Cash



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To see more photos from installation visit <http://www.ncmason.net/gallery/NC_Mason_Gallery/Installation2015.html> or <<http://tinyurl.com/qzyrcrn>>



Bikes for Books

LEWISVILLE — Zach Rothrock has successfully initiated a Bikes for Books program with Lewisville Elementary School. Students were given the opportunity to win a bicycle based on their reading accomplishments. The school's administration selected one winner from grades K-2 and one winner from grades 3-5. Master George Powers, Roger Gough, and Zach Rothrock visited the school to deliver the two winners with their new bicycles. — Bob Blair



Radio club borrows lodge

DENVER — On June 28-29, Denver 757 hosted the Carolina Amateur Radio Club and Lincoln County RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services) Club for their 2014 Field Day. It's part of a national event in which local ham radio clubs set up portable stations to practice and prepare for support during emergency situations. All power for radios is provided by generators, batteries, and solar sources. Over a 24-hour period, clubs compete to make as many contacts as possible using voice, digital, and code transmissions. Denver Lodge is situated in an open area on a large lot, so Denver member Bill Baker, also a radio club member, suggested using Denver's facilities. It was a good opportunity to support the community and exposed new people to the lodge. The lodge hosted many visitors including local news agencies and scout troops. — Kenneth Carnley

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cars made The Ride's final stop in front of the administrative building on the Home's campus.

As has become tradition, the 13th Masonic District feeds the riders and the kids of the Home under the picnic shelter on the grounds.

Most of the money raised for the Home comes from the sponsors who step up. Seventy-one sponsors helped this year, and they each got their name on the official t-shirt. Several sponsors have participated in all 17 editions of The Ride: Raleigh Hog Chapter, East Coast Trailer and Equipment, Bare Furniture Company, and Parnell Foods.

Eureka is already planning the 18th annual ride for September 12, 2015. For more information call Doug Earnhardt at (704) 957-0346 or e-mail <doug.earnhardt@airspeedllc.com>.



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To see more photos from The Ride visit <http://www.ncmason.net/gallery/NC_Mason_Gallery/Ride2014.html> or <<http://tinyurl.com/kovc2b2>>

Michael Harding/Genesis Group photo

From the Medical Committee Hospice, what it is and what it does

By Darrin A. Helton, RN

One of the best-kept secrets in medicine revolves around hospice and the services these extraordinary organizations provide. The "secret" of hospice is perhaps more of a misconception or misunderstanding of what hospice is and what it does.

True, hospice services do provide care at the end of life's journey, care when there is no cure. The primary goal of hospice services is to enhance and/or maintain patient comfort and coping. Also very important to that goal is family comfort in caring for their loved one and coping with the impending loss. These goals are achieved by coordinating each client's individual care with their physician, specialist, pharmacist, nurses, social workers, medical equipment provider, chaplain or clergy, physical therapist, and certified nurse assistants. They help coordinate grief support and volunteer staff in an effort to provide seamless, personal, and comprehensive care.

Hospice services are a Medicare benefit and are covered by most private insurance with little or no cost to the client or family. Some of the most important people involved with hospice are volunteers who assist with services from fundraising to clerical to patient socialization visits. Hospice is not always a place or building. Though many hospice organizations have an inpatient facility where clients can stay, hospice originated and remains predominantly an in home service as home is where the heart is.

If you have comments or questions you would like to see addressed in this column, please contact committee chair Dr. Marty Fischer at <marty4asr@gmail.com>.

Darrin Helton is a member of Mystic Tie 237 in Marion.



Cooking to help feed

WILKESBORO — On July 5, Mt. Pleasant 573's 2014 Carolina Masonic Pig Jig Grand Champions, Branch Water BBQ fired up their cookers for Samaritans Kitchen of Wilkes County. Lowe's Foods, Inc. and JustSave donated the pork, Branch Water did the cooking, and Samaritans Kitchen staff, and Mt. Pleasant 573 members volunteered to help. Together, they raised more than \$1,000 for the charity. Here, Samaritans Kitchen representative Juli Smith accepts a check from lodge Master Dwight Church. — Dwight Church



Enfield raffles for kids

ENFIELD — When Enfield 447 Master Jerry Packer, left, decided the lodge would hold a raffle for the Masonic Home for Children, it did not dawn on him that he might win it. He even sold more chances than anyone else, further lowering his likelihood of winning. But, win he did. He then promptly gave the prize to the Home for Children. That was in addition to the \$5,215 raised and given by check to the Home during Administrator Kevin Otis' visit to the lodge. Seen here are, from left, Packer, Otis, and Secretary James Whitley. — James Whitley

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Balfour guests share skills

ASHEBORO — On October 28, Balfour 188 held an Entered Apprentice Degree and a Master Mason Degree with the assistance of lodges from three districts including Invincible 251 (PHA) in Greensboro. When the lodge was called from refreshment to labor to confer the second section of the Third Degree, the invocation was given by the officers and past masters of Invincible Lodge. Kyle Mills was the initiate in the First Degree. Pictured here, from left are Morning Star 691 (PHA) Past Master Thomas McFarlin, Balfour 188 Senior Deacon Bob Wiker, and his son, William John Wiker II, the newly raised Mason. — Jason Strucinski



From left, are Master Stan Stewart, Julian Copeland, Donald Kosik, and Alvin Arnold.

New Kentucky Colonels

ELIZABETH CITY — On July 1, Eureka 317 Master/Kentucky Colonel Stan Stewart, on behalf of Governor Steven L. Beshear, Governor of Kentucky, bestowed the commission of Kentucky Colonel on Eureka past masters Julian Copeland, Donald Kosik, and Alvin Arnold.

The title of Kentucky Colonel represents the highest civilian honor that can be bestowed by the governor of Kentucky. The award is commissioned for an individual's contributions to the community, state, or nation, and for special achievements.

Members of Eureka Lodge are aware of the positive impact that these three distinguished Brothers have had, not just on Eureka Lodge, but on their church, their community, and Masonry and are justifiably proud to see them honored. — Stan Stewart

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| 1.....Workman, Bradley David | 205.....Hawks, Garry Wade | 409.....Moore III, Raymond Browning | 589.....Odell, John Davis | 693.....Merritt, Joseph Edward |
| 3.....Hunnings, Ernest Lee | 205.....Mayer, Anthony Houston | 409.....Snyder, Phillip Lee | 590.....Alexander, Gerald Chandler | 693.....Passaro, Robert Joseph |
| 27.....Long, Phillip Hampton | 205.....Richard, Justin Lee | 417.....Hill, Joseph Derric | 590.....Green, Kenneth Jeffery | 695.....Bost, Heath Eugene |
| 27.....Kappel, Preston Blair | 208.....Barwick, John Henry | 417.....Lowry, William Brandon | 590.....Morgan III, James Willard | 695.....Kadela, Jon Steven |
| 32.....Freeman III, Gary Glenn | 214.....Boles, Mark Edwin | 423.....Rash, Ethan Jamie | 592.....Hensley, Grady David | 695.....Ross, David Scott |
| 32.....Tatum, Jeremy Adam | 214.....Varner, Jason Daniel | 429.....Gentry, Daniel Lyn | 598.....Carver, Jeremiah Clinton | 699.....Hayes, Frank Jason |
| 40.....Brim, John Andrew | 214.....Elliot, Ryan C. | 433.....Lovick, Jason Cunningham | 598.....Hicks, Garrett Taylor | 699.....Maness, Jimmy Lee |
| 40.....Burnette, Robert Allen | 217.....Callahan, Jared Carl | 434.....Clare, Jason Ashby | 602.....Ballance, David Earl | 699.....Regan, Brian Keith |
| 53.....Harrison III, Graham Robert | 231.....Kummerer, Patrick | 434.....Huffman, Brian Charles | 602.....Boyd Jr., Larry Ray | 701.....Morgan, Arthur Thomas |
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| 76.....Salers, Henry Justin | 248.....Weaver Jr., Walter Wesley | 460.....Greene, Joseph Nathaniel | 609.....McNabb, William Rowland | 704.....Farrell Jr., James Edward |
| 81.....Kirk, James Douglas | 253.....Watkins, William Patrick | 460.....Raye, Thomas Andrew | 613.....Thompson, Steven Russell | 704.....Gardner, David Eugene |
| 81.....Mills, Josh Allen | 262.....Jones, Brett Antony | 472.....Henson, James Michael | 616.....Amburn, Chad Duane | 707.....Steward-Streng, Luke James |
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| 115.....Martin, Robert Crockett | 301.....Roper, Carroll Dwight | 502.....Stallings, Joseph Berry | 657.....Kirk, Brian Ashley | 737.....Forgo IV, Charles Nickolas |
| 117.....Portales, Roderick Azores | 302.....Stevens, Bradley Mitchell | 509.....Spruill, Robert Brandon | 657.....Lawing, Paul Andrew | 739.....Allen, Carl Andrew |
| 118.....Holmes, Daniel Frederick | 319.....Maxe, Scott Garrett | 515.....Ballard, Bryan Morris | 657.....Schenk, Daniel Ray | 739.....Rayburn, Herbert Warren |
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| 198.....Ennis, Christopher Lee | 409.....Ray, Steven Victor | 568.....Stilley, John Clyde | 688.....Paterson, Timothy Robert | 763.....Layne Jr., Timothy Scott |

GM Mayo visits VA

This year, Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo visited our Veterans Administration Medical Centers around the state. It was his chance to brighten the day for several residents at each center. He also got to say thank you to the volunteers of the Masonic Service Association's teams of volunteers at each of the retirement hospitals.

Several of the men visited by Grand Master Mayo are pictured here. Wayne Carringer, 94 years old and a veteran of WWII's Bataan Death March, lives at the Asheville VA Home. He is a 67-year member of Robbinsville 672.

Henry Dietrich Otten is 83 years old and a resident of the Fayetteville VA Hospital. He is a 55-year Mason who joined in Germany, but is now a member of Creasy Proctor 679.

Earl Rayvon Curran lives at the VA Home in Salisbury. The Andrew Jackson 576 member is 87 years old and has been a Mason 56 years.

Several other residents visited with the grand master in Salisbury. Cannon Memorial member James C. Sellars, Pride of Badin 557 (PHA) member Leonard McDonald, and Cannon Memorial's Willis E. Kerley spent time with him.



Photos seen here, clockwise, from left:

- Sellars, MSA Representative Bill McComb, Dr. Mark Heuser, McDonald, GM Mayo, Center Director Kaye Green, and Kerley;
- GM Mayo and Curran;
- Otten, GM Mayo, and MSA Volunteer Claude Capps;
- Carringer



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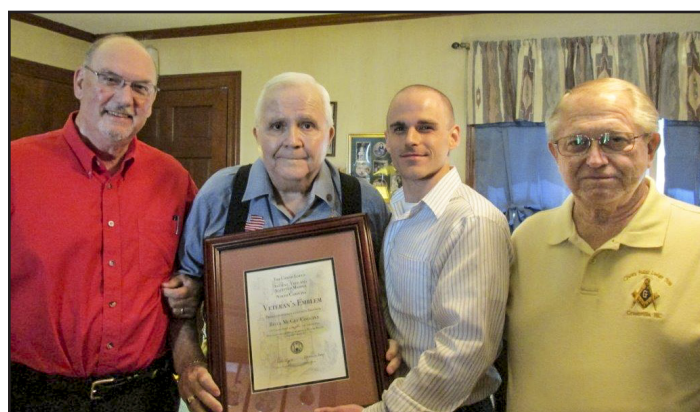
SNEADS FERRY — Stump Sound 733 recently made Loren Jones, left, an honorary member of their lodge. Stump Sound Master William Brandon is seen here with Jones. — Robert J. McLaughlin



RALEIGH — On September 7, seven members of Hiram 40 made a special visit to the home of Bob Rothstein who was celebrating his 100th birthday. In addition to giving their birthday greetings, the lodge handed out some service awards. The lodge presented John Houser and Rothstein their Diamond Jubilees for their 60th Masonic anniversaries. Elliot Swindell received his 50-year Veteran's Emblem. Seen here, from left are Swindell, Houser, Rothstein (seated), and Chuck Rouse. — Tom Imler



SWANSBORO — Seaside 429 recently held a past masters night at which all chairs were filled by past masters of the lodge. The participants ranged from senior Past Master David Holland (1953) to immediate Past Master William Thacker (2013). — Greg D. Padgett



GREENVILLE — Billy Coggins, of Crown Point 708, recently earned his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. Seen here, from left, are Dennis Campbell, Coggins, Justin Robinson, and Charles Sumerlin. — Charles R. Sumerlin



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 son Paul Welborn Jr., and 33rd District Deputy Grand Master Bobby Nichols. — Dwight Church



WILMINGTON — Camp Call 534 member George Donald Greene, center, recently received his Diamond Jubilee Award honoring his 60 years as a Mason. He received the award at Wilmington 319 from his son G. Anderson Greene, 12th District deputy grand master. From left, are 319 Master James Haines, Donald Greene, and Anderson Greene. You may recognize the senior Greene from his years working at the credentials desk at Annual Communication. — G. Anderson Greene



GARNER — Victor E. Tart recently got the Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years in Masonry. Tart is seen here in front of Tart Grocery with his award. He first joined Masonry when he was in the Air Force in Texas, but he moved his membership to William T. Bain 231 when he returned home in 1968.



WILKESBORO — On June 12, Mt. Pleasant 573's Glen Wingler got his Veteran's Emblem honoring his 50 years as a Mason. He is seen here, right, with Master Dwight Church who made the presentation. — Dwight Church



ATLANTIC BEACH — Members of Grifton 243 recently traveled to the home of William Austin Waters, left, to present his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years in the lodge. He is seen here receiving the award from Sixth District Deputy Grand Master Chuck Smithwick. — Chuck Smithwick



CHARLOTTE — At their summer Awards Night, West Gate 738 presented Bob McNeil, left, his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership. He is seen here with lodge Master Randy Tamson. — Gary Cooke

Ride for the children

CHINA GROVE/OXFORD — This was the 17th year for what has become North Carolina's biggest annual Masonic fundraiser. The Ride (its real name is the Charity Ride to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford) ran from China Grove (nominally) to Oxford on September 13. They delivered \$24,606.46 to the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. Eureka 283 has been organizing The Ride all these years with Jerry Edwards and Doug Earnhardt bringing everything together. The total given to the Home over The Ride's history is \$392,500.

Sixteen motorcycles left China Grove that Saturday morning in the rain. By the time they made Greensboro and picked up more riders, the skies had parted and things were looking up.

Meanwhile, other groups of bikers performed their own day-starting rituals and rode together to Oxford to join the pack. They all made their way to the Walmart parking lot in Oxford where they held their registration and gave prizes to participants. Thirty-one bikes and a couple of

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Coming Home

OXFORD — The fourth Annual Masonic Homecoming Festival here October 10-12 drew its largest crowd since its inception despite a nasty turn of weather on Friday night. More than 3,000 assembled to see a great parade, eat some top-notch barbecue, and hear local country music star Jason Michael Carroll perform. Homecoming is the fall celebration of Masonic Home for Children at Oxford Alumni Association and Masons who support the Home as one of their primary charities.

Severe thunderstorms prematurely ended the Friday Night Yard Party. That's when, under the oaks, 15 cooking teams prepared for the crowd on Saturday and vied for the title of best cooks for the kids. The Brethren of the Stew from Andrew Jackson 576 prepared and served their famous recipe of Brunswick stew for the pork cooks in the contest.

The first homecoming Alumni/Mason/Resi-

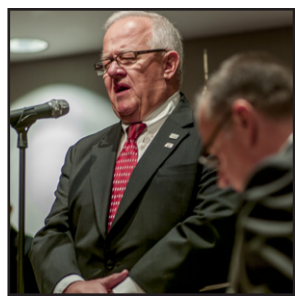
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