



## Polk site updated

PINEVILLE — The birthplace of President James K. Polk was the only Presidential Historic Site in North Carolina. Polk, who was born in Mecklenburg County on November 2, 1795, moved to Tennessee with his parents and four siblings when he was eleven.

On November 15, Master-elect Gerry Voiles and seven other members of James K. Polk 759 here, visited the site. They joined an estimated 650 visitors who attended the birthday celebration and grand opening of the newly renovated museum.

Members of James K. Polk Lodge cooperated with Site Manager Scott Warren, and his staff, to create a new exhibit in the



Master-Elect Jerry Voiles (front right) and Jim Williams as President Polk are seen here with members of James K. Polk 759.

museum. It recognizes the fact that President Polk and many other Presidents were Freemasons. It also mentions that there is a Masonic lodge named for Polk.

To learn more about the President James K. Polk Historic Site, visit <<http://www.nchistoricsites.org/polk/polk.htm>>.

Three US presidents were born in North Carolina: Andrew Jackson,

Andrew Jackson, and Andrew Johnson. All three were Masons. The birthplace of Andrew Johnson, the third president born in North Carolina is displayed in Raleigh <<http://ncpedia.org/andrew-johnson-birthplace>>.

— Randy Richardson



## Grand Master dedicates plaque

# Dallas Courthouse restored

By Ric Carter

DALLAS — On November 16, Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo presided over the ancient Masonic ritual for dedicating a building here at the old Gaston County Courthouse, now known as the Dallas Historic Courthouse.

In 1846, Dallas became the county seat of the then newly created (from part of Lincoln County) Gaston County. It was named for George Miffin Dallas, James K. Polk's vice president. Polk was one of three North Carolina-born presidents and a Freemason. This courthouse, opened in the 1848, was Gaston County's first. After 1911, when the county seat was moved to Gastonia, it went on to serve other purposes for the community including school and police and fire departments.

Early in 2014, the town voted to work with the Dallas Historic Courthouse Foundation to spend \$850,000 to restore the historic site. Work on the main building was completed late last year and culminated in the November 16 public ceremony.

The Grand Lodge was opened and closed before the event by

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GM Mayo introduces the Masonic ceremony.

## President Polk and the Masons

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world. James K. Polk was raised to the Degree of Master Mason in Columbia, Tennessee, Lodge No. 31, F. & A.M. in 1820. He became a member of Lafayette, Tennessee, Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons in 1825. As a Mason and United States President, he assisted in laying the cornerstone of the Smithsonian Building in 1847.

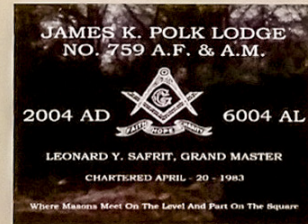
In addition to Polk, many of our Presidents, including George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt, considered membership in the Masonic Order an important part of their life.

Today, the James K. Polk Masonic Lodge in Pineville, Lodge No. 759, bears the name of our eleventh president.



Pictured Above: George Washington as a Freemason, circa 1866. This illustration features small portraits of Marquis de Lafayette and Andrew Jackson, also important Masons. Library of Congress

Pictured Left: The cornerstone of the James K. Polk Masonic Lodge in Pineville.



This is the new Masonic exhibit at Polk Historic Site.



DeWayne Gore photos

## THE BOTTOM LINE



# Veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols

By Douglas L. Caudle  
Grand Master

I have had the privilege of being a Mason for more than 20 years. To some, that may seem a long time, and to others, I'm still an Entered Apprentice. In my first ten or so years my understanding of Masonry focused on fundraising and fellowship. Now don't get me wrong, supporting our charities is critically important to those we have taken an obligation to help. The fellowship and friendships that I have with my lodge brothers are some of the most special that I have.

However, there is so much more to Masonry. When a brother is first initiated, we tell him "Freemasonry [is] a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." We then tend to leave the veil on and not elaborate on the life lessons taught in our degrees and lectures. Our lectures give a brief glimpse into the meaning of Masonry. Our lecturers do a wonderful job of bringing to life these important teachings. This is why it pains me to see brothers leaving after the degree and not staying for the lecture. Different aspects of the lecture speak to me each time I hear one. I encourage you to stay and closely listen to them.

I would like to challenge each of you to lift the veil. Find a word or phrase that we use that you may not understand and research its meaning. One might choose "So mote it be" or "hecatomb" or any number of terms or phrases. This would be an excellent pro-

gram for Masonic Education. Research on the internet is also a very good way to expand your Masonic knowledge. However, be wary of sites which may not be giving you things "on the square." I would also challenge you to seek out a wise counselor in your lodge or district to discuss what our allegory and symbols mean.

Your Masonic Education Committee is sponsoring a series of lectures at different locations around the state on "Allegory and Symbolism." These lectures are led by Ben Wallace and delve more deeply into what our degrees mean. I have sat in on two of these programs and am excited that it is being shared with a larger audience. Visit the Grand Lodge website or Facebook page for more details on time and dates.

### Masonic scholarships

The NC Grand Lodge sponsors the Charles Cathey Masonic Scholarship program. Currently eight \$1,000 scholarships are awarded each year to high schools seniors who are headed to college. Last year, we received over 160 applications, and the five-member committee had the monumental task of narrowing the field to only eight. Soon, you will be receiving a letter from me along with a Masonic decal to support this program. My hope is that we can raise enough funds to either increase the amount of each scholarship or to expand the number awarded. Applications for the 2015 scholarships are now available at <[http://grandlodge-nc.org/uploads/Cathey%20Scholarship%20form%202015\(1\).pdf](http://grandlodge-nc.org/uploads/Cathey%20Scholarship%20form%202015(1).pdf)> on the Grand Lodge website under the "Masons in the Community" tab.

### Military Veteran Certificates

We will be renewing the push to have the service information of our military veterans updated on our lodge secretaries' MORI system. A handsome certificate has been designed to recognize their service to our country and to North Carolina Masonry. I have tasked the district deputy grand masters to help the lodges in their districts to complete these updates. If you are a military veteran and have not received your certificate, please contact your lodge secretary with your service information. The certificates are organized and printed by the School of Graphic Arts at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. Many lodges have taken advantage of this program to hold a special program on the military and Freemasonry.

### Social media

I have renewed the updates to the Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina Facebook page <<https://www.facebook.com/GrandLodgeNC>>. Please follow this page to keep up with my travels around the state. While I am a rookie in the use of this communication tool, I will try to keep the posts and photos interesting and informative. If you are not already a "friend," please send a request so that you can have access to all of the information. Or better yet, go old school, and "like" me by visiting one of the many events that I will be attending this year. I look forward to replying to your friend request by shaking your hand!



## Grand Masters degree team

CHARLOTTE — On June 21, 2014, Cliffside 460 held an emergent communication at the Scottish Rite Temple here to raise Aaron Collins. What made the day more special was the second section of the Master Mason Degree being performed by a cast made up mostly of past grand masters led by then Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo.

They opened the day with a country breakfast prepared by Clyde Early and his friends.

Cliffside Lodge's officers opened lodge, received Grand Master Mayo, and then conferred

the first section of the degree.

With Grand Master Mayo at his side, Past Grand Master William L. Dill (2010) conducted the proceedings of the second section with the assistance of PGM Dewey Preslar Jr. (2013), PGM Robert E. Gresham (2012), PGM W. Berry Ridgon (2007), PGM Gene T. Jernigan (2006), PGM Thomas W. Gregory (1998), and PGM Richard G. Moore (1993).

Grand Master Mayo delivered the lecture, and Bob Braswell made the charge.

— Jack Huskey



## Eastern Wake County Masons work together

WENDELL — On November 16, members of Wendell 656 took advantage of one of those valuable Masonic privileges — lodge visitation. They traveled as a group to share a degree with their Prince Hall Brothers at Mount Perry 183. Mount Perry Lodge's membership consists mostly of Zebulon and Wendell residents. They were invited to participate in the Master Mason Degree. Prince Hall North Carolina Grand Master Toby Fitch was there and spoke to the assembly about their growth and how that growth is mostly among young men. Reports from participants were very positive.

— Ray Burch

## CRISSIE WRIGHT, from page 8

squall turned into a violent storm.

"Captain Clark decided not to risk the Diamond Shoals in the threatening weather and ordered the ship to head for a safe harbor in Beaufort. But, when gale-like winds caused the main mast brace to part, Clark was compelled to beach the vessel on January 8, about six miles west of Cape Lookout Light and three miles east of Beaufort Bar.

"The Crissie Wright — helpless on the west end of Shackleford Banks, where it lay broadside — was breached by every incoming icy wave. Howling winds and snow and sleet covered the rigging and deck with ice.

"The crew of the Crissie Wright was without food or heat for three days and was unable to reach the mainland. They wrapped themselves in the main sail in an attempt to ward off the freezing gales.

"The residents of nearby Diamond City, whalers and fishermen, gathered on the beach

and built large fires to signal crew members they knew of their plight. In an attempt to rescue the crew, residents carried and dragged their boats over the dunes and tried repeatedly to launch their small boats. But, the force of the storm and power of the incoming waves repelled each attempt. Horrified residents stood helpless when they witnessed two of the crew going overboard.



Jim Goodwin's Crissie Wright model

"The frozen bodies were taken to Beaufort, and three shipmates were interred in a common grave in the Old Burying Grounds in Historic Beaufort. Capt. Clark's body was returned home to Berlin, New Jersey.

"To this day, the wreck of the Crissie Wright has remained part of the legend and folklore of the town of Beaufort. The grave of the sailors is part of the historical tour of the Old Burying Grounds.

"Of the thousands of ships that have gone down off the coast, the Crissie Wright captured the imagination and hearts of the folks of Beaufort. 'Cold as the night the Crissie Wright came ashore' was a way natives of Beaufort often described extremely cold weather.

The name of the ship apparently came from the family of one of the investors.

"While Capt. Clark was the principal owner, other investors [included one] Charles Wright. In

## GM's district meetings

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

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

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

In case of inclement weather, meetings will be cancelled in accordance with local schools cancellations. If a meeting is cancelled, the host lodge and district deputy grand master will be notified. Your lodge may cancel its stated communication to attend your district meeting. Information will also be posted on the Grand Lodge web site: <www.glncc.us>. This schedule was the schedule as of January 25, 2015. Changes may be necessary. Please consult your lodge for updates.

February 23 ...38	Horse Creek 719	60 Courthouse St., Columbus
February 24 ...35	State Line 375	115 Mulberry St., Grover
February 25 ...24	Asheboro 699	325 Sunset Ave., Asheboro
March 10 .....21	Roman Eagle 550	11611 US 15-501, Aberdeen
March 11 .....10	Goldsboro 634	Shrine Club, 3716 US Highway 117 S., Dudley
March 12 .....15	Hiram 40	1520 Caswell St., Raleigh
March 17 .....12	Pythagoras 249	201 E. Nash St., Southport
March 18 .....11	St. John's 13	113 Lodge St., Kenansville
March 19 .....17	Bladen 646	106 S. Cypress St., Elizabethtown
March 30 .....31	West Gate 738	5924 Brookshire Blvd., Charlotte
March 31 .....23	Stokesdale 428	8420 Ellisboro Rd., Stokesdale
April 1 .....29	Monroe 244	520 E. Franklin St., Monroe
April 13 .....41	Clay 301	104 Sanderson St., Hayesville
April 14 .....40	Glenville 551	4625 Hwy 107, Glenville
April 15 .....39	Mt. Hermon 118	80 Broadway, Asheville
April 16 .....34	Lovelady 670	721 E. Main St., Valdese
April 27 .....7	St. John's 3	516 Hancock St., New Bern
April 28 .....5	Skewarkee 90	610 N. Smithwick St., Williamston
April 29 .....3	Providence 678	33 Old Columbia Rd., Columbia
April 30 .....1	Eureka 317	218 S. Hughes Blvd., Elizabeth City
May 12 .....9	Morning Star 85	220 Barnes St., Nashville
May 13 .....19	Eagle 19	142 W. King St., Hillsborough
May 14 .....13	John H. Mills 624	8057 Hwy 39, Henderson
May 18 .....33	Snow 363	240 Temple Dr., Boone
May 19 .....37	Linville 489	200 Pineola St., Newland
May 20 .....25	Renfro 691	212 Franklin St., Mt. Airy
May 27 .....30	Statesville 27	302 E. Front St., Statesville

## NC Mason Deadlines

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November/December	November 1	December 1



Crissie Wright Lodge in Smyrna

Ric Carter photo



Old Burying Ground

Ric Carter photo

and another was knocked overboard and lost on Sunday by the breaking of the mizzen-mast. The captain and mate froze to death on Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Another sailor, the only one of the crew left, was rescued about 10 o'clock by a crew of natives. The steamer Nellie B. Dey, of Beaufort, Capt. Dudley, brought off the three frozen men. The rescued man is named Charles Tayt.

Although badly frost bitten, he is doing well. The natives, to the number of fifty men, with several boats that they carried across the banks, stayed on the beach from Saturday until Monday, and made every effort in their power to reach the sufferers, but the wind was blowing a gale right on the beach, making a tremendous sea in which no boat could live. The rescued man did all in his power to keep his companions from freezing. He beat and kicked them constantly, but to no purpose. They would sleep, and sleep brought death. The rescued man is from Buffalo. The crew of the schooner were without anything to eat or drink from Wednesday night, the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Much public art was commissioned in the recovery from the Great Depression. Among the works produced was a large painting in the Beaufort, NC Post Office of the wreck of the Crissie Wright. Simka Simkhovitch painted it in 1940. It can still be seen there in what is now the Beaufort City Hall.

To see more of Mary Warshaw's history of North Carolina's coast, visit <http://beaufortartist.blogspot.com>. David Moore is nautical archaeology curator at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

the "History of Berlin," Charles Wright is listed as a businessman, and his wife and daughter are both named Christine. Capt. Clark, a widower, was survived by his 15-year-old daughter, Sallie. Ironically, Charles Wright's son Walter Wright married Clark's daughter Sallie. Christine Wright — "Crissie" — became Sallie's mother-in-law.

We learn more of the ship in David Moore's article in the October 2011 edition of *Tributaries*, the journal of the North Carolina Maritime History Council, "...as cold as the night Crissie Wright came ashore..."

The Crissie Wright was "... a fine three-mast schooner being built at the Blew and Phillips shipyard in Bridgeton, [New Jersey]... Her dimensions are 120 feet lower hold, and five feet between decks. She is in every respect a staunch and graceful vessel, and has been built with a view of speed." Made of white oak and pine, she was registered as 126 feet long with a breadth of 34 feet, drawing just less than nine feet.

Its official Wreck Report reveals, "The ship was sailing from Baltimore to Savannah with a 600 ton cargo of ground guano valued at \$30,000. Crissie Wright had an estimated value of \$20,000. Both the ship and cargo were listed as total losses. Crissie Wright sprang a leak during a snow storm after dark and sank off Rough Point, North Carolina. Not surprisingly, a heavy sea was running as a result of a 60 mile per hour wind."

"On January 12, The New York Times featured a story entitled "The Trail of the Storm" discussing trains stuck in snow or having to burrow through drifts, river towns threatened by floods and ice flows, and the coldest weather ever known in the South." This was the storm that destroyed the Crissie Wright.

A New Bern newspaper of the time reports, "The vessel went ashore Friday night six miles west of Cape Lookout light. The steward was swept away soon after the vessel struck, one sailor was drowned in attempting to get ashore

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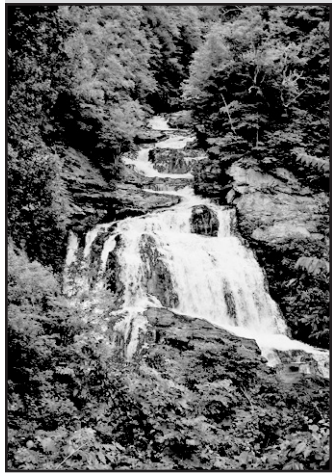
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# TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



## NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



### Apex

Ed Dresp turned up the chili at Apex 584's November communication. For consumer safety, they graded it out in three levels for preference in spice: Level One, The Priest (will get you hot under the collar); Level Two, The Elvis (a hunk of burning love); Level Three, Holy Mary, Mother of God (pray for us sinners now).

Apex Lodge has increased their dues by ten dollars.

The lodge was surprised when estimates for retiling the fellowship hall came in much higher than expected. As a result, they decided to remove the old tile and go with a concrete staining instead.

Widows' baskets went out December 13. They were provided by Ralph Agner and Mick Helms. Apex Lodge's Christmas party was held the same day. The lodge provided the meat course and members brought covered dishes to complete the meal. Quin Cook gave the lodge their Christmas tree and lights this year.

Lodge Master Dave Nyce thanked Jason Stephenson and Ed Medlin for their help repairing the floor and landscape drainage at the lodge. Both received Masonic pocket knives as a remembrance.

Master Dave Nyce visited Paul Nau on December 4 to present his 60-year award as a favor to Friendship 53, his lodge in Florida.

— *The Trestleboard*

### Winston-Salem

Salem 289 is helping feed needy kids in their community. They are volunteering time packing bag lunches for distribution on weekends. The Mission of H.O.P.E. of Winston-Salem describes its objective: "To use the resources of the interfaith community to prepare and transport nutritious meals on Sunday to children in neighborhoods with the highest food insecurity." The lodge sends a crew to prepare the bags. It usually takes them about two hours to pack 400 bags. They are considering becoming short notice emergency help for the project in cases when schedule disruptions occur.

— *The Salem Sentinel*

At the lodge's December stated communication, Old Town 751 Master Randy Young presented Certificates of Appreciation to several lodge members for their extra efforts during the past year. Jack Horn and Herb Blankenship were recognized for their candidate coaching. Tom Hauser was thanked for his work as tyler and Joe Wages for the newsletter and website. Bikes for Books Chairman Terry Wooten and practice resource man Ray Pope also got certificates.

December 20 was the day for Old Town's widows to get their annual holiday fruit baskets. The delivery team gathered at the lodge for breakfast before making their rounds passing out 36 baskets.

The lodge held their 2014 charity raffle on November 1. They served Hills Lexington Barbecue and awarded door prizes in addition to the big drawings. They raised about \$7,900 for their charity work.

The lodge is getting a new range in the kitchen.

— *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

### Gastonia

King Solomon 704 is holding a Chili and Cake Off February 2 at the Masonic Temple here. Ten dollars will get you in the door to taste the goodies. If you want to vie for a title, entering a pot of chili will cost you \$20, entering a cake will cost you ten. Judges will pick the best of each, and attendees will pick a People's Choice. Extra People's Choice votes will be sold for one dollar each. Tickets will be sold for door prizes.

— *The Plumb Line*

Twenty-two past masters attended Gastonia 369's Past Masters' Night at the lodge's November stated communication. They served barbecued chicken and pork.

— *The Trestle Board*

### Statesville

The Annual Blood Drive here was scheduled for January 9. The drive is the largest in the state and has been going on for about 30 years.

Statesville 27 volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army again this year. The annual Christmas project raises money to help the needy.

— *The Joppa Informer*

### Lewisville

West Bend 434 had a big 2014. Bob Blair launched a newsletter and a revised website for them, Zack Rothrock implemented a Bikes for Books program at Lewisville Elementary School, and the lodge installed two chair lifts. They held two fundraisers, a rifle raffle and a Chicken-to-Go, for the charities.

— *By the Square*

### Jacksonville

New River 736 sent 31 \$50 gift cards to the kids at the Masonic Home for Children for Christmas.

— Tom Kurtzweil

Semper Fidelis 680 delivered fruit baskets to 27 of the lodge's widows as a Christmas remembrance.

— *Trestle Board*

### Dallas

Gaston 263 held a big raffle in August. They gave away 30 guns over 30 days after selling 1,000 tickets at \$30 each. They split the proceeds three ways among the Masonic Home for Children, the MESH Foundation, and the Abby Grace Foundation with each getting \$5,385.13 each. The Abby Grace Foundation funds research on therapies for Sanfilippo Syndrome.

— Benjie Creasman

### Princeton

St. Patrick's 617 held a raffle in December. They were giving away a Holland grill, a VISA gift card, and a spa/salon gift certificate.

— W. C. Barnett



## The corn's on the lodge

SYLVA — When Sylva celebrated the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Greening Up the Mountains festival last spring, Dillsboro 459 set up a booth downtown. They did a simple outreach — they talked to folks and gave away popcorn.

According to one member, "Not only did we meet men interested in Masonry, but we also had the pleasure of meeting friends and family members who were touched by Masons at some point in their lives. Traveling Masons from around the country came and spoke with us sharing their experiences and stories."

In addition to the nice conversations, they gave away more than 600 bags of popcorn to passersby and a dozen petitions to men they knew.

— Jimmy Rogers



### Wendell

Any way you count, Wendell 565 had a successful year. They initiated seven men, raised five, all of whom completed their third catechism, and four of whom joined the officer line. Nothing invigorates like new blood. The new guys have all been active in coaching and teaching and have begun learning charges and other parts of the ritual.

Money from two fundraisers, a barbecue in August and a spaghetti supper in November, and donations from lodge members brought in nearly \$5,000 this year for charity. In addition to out Masonic charities, they benefitted the Wendell Recreation Center, a Boy Scout of the Year program, and the Resources for Seniors Christmas program.

A dozen members of Wendell Lodge enjoyed an interesting afternoon when they visited their local Prince Hall neighbors for a Third Degree recently. As one reported, "It is truly amazing how many ways there are to get to the same conclusion. Actions were different... but the ritual was the same."

— *Let There Be Light*

### Hookerton

The Christmas tree the town of Hookerton planted on Jerusalem 95's front yard is 25 feet tall now. It has become a beautiful addition to the town's Main Street decorations. The lodge also uses their vacant lodge there for concessions during the town's tree lighting festival every year.

Harold Nobles was recently made an honorary member of Jerusalem Lodge.

— *The Jerusalem Journal*

### Hillborough

Eagle 19, Mosaic 762, and University 408 sponsored 38 kids from the Masonic Home for Children on a trip to Chapel Hill. There, they saw a program at the Morehead Planetarium and ate lunch on McCorkle Place the site of the founding of the University of North Carolina and within sight of the University's historic center laid out as a Masonic lodge. On their way home, they visited Maple View Farm in Hillsborough where they enjoyed all-you-can-eat ice cream sundaes and a hayride.

On July 22, Eagle 19 celebrated Jake Jacob's 84<sup>th</sup> birthday with a steak dinner.

— Speed Hallman

### Grimesland

The *Grimesland Gavel* appeared in the fall. It's a newsletter that keeps members of Grimesland 475 updated on what's happening at the lodge.

In the first edition, they learned about earning \$2,300 for Masonic charities with the lodge's first ever pancake supper. *The Gavel* also reported that the lodge's newly created Third Degree team had held four practices and was coming along quite nicely.

The lodge's annual Ladies' Night was set for December 5. Ephraim's Pig Palace was catering the steak dinner.

— *Grimesland Gavel*

### Laurinburg

A three-gun raffle was sponsored by Laurinburg 305 this fall. The November 4 drawing awarded guns to three different winners.

— Michael Nobles

### Charlotte

Steele Creek 737 raised their dues to \$100 for 2015.

They held their annual fish fry November 8.

— *Trestleboard*

On December 6, West Gate 738 served again as the starting point for a Toy Run for the kids at the Masonic Home for Children. Easy Eddie's in Mooresville is the end point. They don't limit themselves to motorcycles alone, trucks and cars are also welcome. Entrants are only required to bring an unwrapped toy or gift card. They served everyone chili for lunch.

Richard Shields, of Waxhaw 562, visited West Gate in November and told them about how Masons communicated and operated during times of war. His latest book is entitled *May Brotherly Love Prevail, Masonry on the Battlefield and in Prison Camps*.

— *News From the West*

Charles M. Setzer 693 was distributing gifts to widows of the lodge at Christmas. The 20 ladies in the Charlotte area got poinsettias.

— *Trestleboard*

Randy Nealey is keeping Excelsior 261's tradition of the master having a theme for the year. His will be the "Year of Education."

— *Trestle Board*

Derita 715 held their Annual Fish Fry November 7 at the Mallard Creek Community Center. Their lodge had officer step-up night at the October stated communication.

A new website for the lodge is being designed.

— *Derita Lodge*

Phalanx 31 combined their awards night and officer installation December 16.

— *Trestleboard*

### Newell

Newell 739 held their Fish Fry November 15.

— Gary Cooke

### Raleigh

Several Masons continue to pursue creating a Raleigh lodge focusing on North Carolina State University. They have a potential meeting place on Hillsborough Street across from campus. They say the lodge will be "geared toward NC State students, alumni, faculty, and anyone else who has a love for the red and white." If you are interested, email Jonathan Underwood at <junderwood@glnc.us>.

William G. Hill 218 held a gala at Raleigh Country Club on December 13. They were celebrating their 150 years anniversary.

— Miles Davis

### Fayetteville

You know you're in a military community when the district deputy grand master's newsletter gives you a listing of military discounts available on Veterans Day. That's what Ken Wical did for his many military members in the 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District.

Creasy Proctor 679 celebrated Awards Night with steak dinner on November 4.

Phoenix 8 held their 226<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Table Lodge on November 15. It was a black tie event which was held as an Entered Apprentice emergent communication. The \$50 ticket included a five-course dinner and a commemorative saluting glass.

— Kyle Sledge

### Southport

Pythagoras 249 held their Annual Awards and Widows Appreciation Banquet November 8. Jerry Dove, treasurer and assistant secretary, was named Mason of the Year. Veteran's Emblems for 50 years membership went to Jack Evans and Jim Griffith. Griffith got a Certificate of Appreciation as did Skeeter Trott, Jack Terry, Lewis Weathers, Kenny Scott, and Don Kelly. Jack Terry was the recipient of the Gene Cowan/Marvin McKeithan Award for Outstanding Services. The Cowan/McKeithan Award for Outstanding Support and Services went to Regina McKeithan, Jackie Glass, and Edward McKeithan. John Lewis got the Project of the Year Award for his work on the lodge golf tournament.

John Richards was made a Life Member after he recently resigned as lodge secretary, a job he has held for 37 years. Continuing health problems were cited.

In December, Pythagoras Lodge presented Charles W. Carr his 50-year award as a favor to his lodge in West Virginia.

— *Newsletter*

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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.

## TOs, from page 8

members. Larry Thompson is master of the new lodge, with Ben Wallace senior warden and Kevin Combs junior warden.

Traditional observance attracted interest with a number of Masons in western North Carolina at about the same time. After visiting Sophia and talking with its members, a group began in Asheville. On October 29, Grand Master Mayo presented a dispensation to Veritas Lodge. They will be meeting at the Asheville Masonic Temple. John Burch is serving as master, with J. R. Yarnall as senior warden and Michael Fizer junior warden.

Larry Thompson, a member of the planning group and Sophia's first master, answered a few questions about the lodge.

**Q.** What inspired you and your brethren to start a TO lodge?

**A.** On the surface, the brethren who formed Sophia lodge were interested in creating a quality lodge experience that was reverent and focused on the five senses. On a deeper level, we wanted to develop a true understanding of the allegory and symbolism that is continuously referenced in our ritual but is not fully explained.



Veritas Lodge enjoys dinner at their institution.

**Q.** Why is the lodge named Sophia?

**A.** Sophia is the Greek word for wisdom. Wisdom is held in high regard in our craft and is alluded to throughout our ritual. There were several good potential names fielded by the steering committee, but we kept returning to the name Sophia, which just seemed to fit.



Sophia is constituted by GM Mayo.

**Q.** What can first-time lodge visitors expect? What's different about Sophia?

**A.** First time lodge visitors will be greeted in the foyer of the lodge and will be conducted into the lodge room at the appropriate time by our marshal who has prepared them for the processional. They will hear music playing as they enter the lodge room (at the present, we are using Adagio for Strings prior to our opening), smell the incense wafting through the air, and their eyes will begin to adjust to the glow of candlelight as they are escorted to their seats. At some point prior to the lodge opening, they may notice that no one is talking in the lodge and that the feeling is very solemn. The lodge will open just like any other lodge with the exception of music being incorporated at appropriate times. Business is typically conducted by a consent agenda that has been previously distributed to the members, which allows more time for our guest speakers and lodge programs. At some point during the meeting, a five-minute period of silence and contemplation will be observed as our musician plays a Tibetan singing bowl. After the lodge is closed, the members will be invited to join a procession that circles the altar, where our "chain of union" is formed and the closing charge is given.

**Q.** Is Sophia attracting visitors from a wide area? How many visitors typically attend meetings?



The officers of Veritas at their institution.

**A.** Yes, Sophia has been attracting visitors from Asheville, Hickory, Fayetteville, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, and Charlotte just to name a few. We typically have more than 20 visitors at each of our meetings.

*Speed Hallman is senior grand deacon and a member of Sophia 767.*



## Out by the Cape Fear

**BURGAW** — King Solomon 138 is holding their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor Degree Saturday, March 28. They'll again be at Past Grand Master William G. "Bill" Mathis' plantation on the North East Cape Fear River. Lodge will open at 5:00 p.m., and dinner will be served between the first and second sections, just as in years past. Weather can get pretty chilly that time of year, so be sure to dress warmly. Bring a chair.

King Solomon Lodge held its first outdoor Master Mason degree December 9, 2000 at Bill Mathis' river plantation. It's become an annual event. The dates have moved around a little over the years due to weather. They have settled in on holding it as close as possible to the full moon in March. The first year, the candidates started turning blue and one even said, "It took three days for [his] teeth to quit chattering." Attendance is growing every year, and their farthest traveled visitor was from Uruguay.

Visit the following address for details and directions <<http://www.kingsolomon138.org/annual-outdoor-degree.html>>.

## STATE, from page 3

### Greensboro

Guilford 656 held their Ladies' and Awards Night October 18 in the Greensboro Temple's dining hall. They bragged on the job done by their wardens to get the hall transformed into a "cozy dining area." They had the meal catered, but had the kids from local DeMolay and Rainbow act as servers. Terry Cox told them all the story of the blue slipper, an emblem worn by daughters and wives of Masons. Each of the ladies present was given a small blue box tied with blue ribbon which contained four chocolates and a blue slipper pin. They were entertained by Carter Bradley on the piano.

Junior Warden Bradley P. Cardille was named Mason of the Year. Richard Wayne Jackson, Albert W. Jones Jr., McDewey Sigmon Jr., and David C. White were presented Diamond Jubilees for their 60 years in the lodge. Burton K. Burnett got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years.

Just a few days later, they enjoyed their Past Masters' Night. All stations were filled by past master (including some from other lodges) in a Third Degree performance. The evening included some special presentations, bagpipes, and singing. — *The Trestleboard*

Scott Swink, of Greensboro 76, joined members of the Graham Police Department sitting on the roof of a local fast food restaurant to raise money for Special Olympics. — *Old 76*

### Asheville

Veritas Lodge has been issued a dispensation to operate in the Masonic Temple. The traditional observance lodge will meet on the fourth Fridays of odd months. — *Trestle Board*

The Temple Workday in November was stretched to two days to get chores finished. — *Kevan Frazier*

### Wilson

Mount Lebanon 117 had special guests for their officer installation December 15. Prince Hall North Carolina Grand Master Toby Fitch was there with a large contingent of local Prince Hall Masons. Fitch lives in Wilson. — *Charles Barrett*

### Rocky Mount

On December 19, Corinthian 230 delivered fruit baskets to their lodge widows and shut-ins. — *Charles Barrett*

### Monroe

Waxhaw 562 Secretary Richard Shields was at Truth 749 December 8. He was speaking to the lodge about his book of Masonic war stories, *May Brotherly Love Prevail*, Masonry on the Battlefield and in Prison Camps. — *Robert Mullis*

### Thomasville

Thomasville 214 held their Toys for Tots program December 20. — *Trestle Board*

### Holly Springs

A third motorcycle affinity lodge has been formed in the state. They will call Holly Springs home, and following the naming tradition, will be known as Knights of Solomon Lodge. They will often meet in other places around the state. Their stated communications will be on first Saturdays February through May and in November; and second Saturdays from July through September. Robert Barron is master, and Don Murphy is secretary. They got their dispensation November 22. — *Tom Zelickman*

### Kenansville

St. John's 13 has consolidated with Warsaw 677. All Warsaw Lodge's functions, meetings, and membership are now subsumed by St. John's 13.

St. John's annual picnic was held September 4 at Maxwell's Mill. As usual, the lodge furnished chicken and pastry, and members brought their favorite dishes. — *Lodge Log*

### Casar

Casar 579 held their Fifth Annual Charity Ride in May. They had 28 riders and 14 sponsors. They raised nearly \$2,300 for the MESH Foundation and the Home for Children.

Casar's Eighth Annual Golf Tournament was held in August. The event at Pine Mountain Golf Course in Connelly Springs raised money for our Masonic Homes. — *Eric Newton*

### Conover

Harrison Jones and Jerry Teague were elected Life Members recently by Conover 709. Charles Gantt has earned his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years as a Mason.

Their big annual Blood Drive was set for January 9. — *Conover Lodge Newsletter*

### Cleveland

Scotch Ireland 154 held their Annual Awards Banquet November 21. Jason and Jeff Kopley shared Mason of the Year honors. Fred Campbell got his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years membership.

Scotch Ireland sold about 800 tickets for their rifle raffle this year. The fundraiser sent \$3,260 to the Masonic Home for Children. — *Newsletter*

### Plymouth

Perseverance 59's motorcycle ride and raffle this fall brought in \$6,886 for charity.

Harrison Phelps, long-time secretary of the lodge got his Veteran's Emblem recently. — *Masonic Home for Children*

### Greenville

Past masters took over lodge at Crown Point 708 back on November 13. It was Past Masters' Night, and they cooked supper for the lodge, filled all the chairs, and conferred the Fellow Craft Degree on two candidates. — *Charles Sumerlin*

### Roseboro

Roseboro 585 held a spaghetti supper timed to greet the crowd brought on by the town's Christmas Parade. — *Bruce Rawls*

### Carthage

They raised \$866 at Carthage 181 raffling a Food Lion \$250 gift certificate. They sent the profits to the North Carolina Masonic Foundation. — *Dave Bosworth*

### Kinston

Jeff Snead and Tony Bello took first place in St. John's 4's Third Annual Corn Hole Tournament this spring. Jay Burkett and Brandon Mills were in second, and Ricky Howard and Mike Howard finished third. — *Lynn Hill*

### Marion

Last July, Mystic Tie 237 presented five scholarships to members of their lodge family. The lucky recipients were April Fulbright, Jacob Helton, Chase Ruppe, Katalyn Andrews, and Nick Oxendine. Each is the child or grandchild of a lodge member. — *Mystic Tie News*

### Spruce Pine

Two members of Vesper 554 got service awards in December. Max Gouge got his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership. Jack Sullins received his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years. Both were presented in the respective member's home. — *Newsletter*

### Spencer

Spencer 543 was holding their Thanksgiving/Awards Dinner November 25. They were having a covered dish dinner. — *John Hatley*

### Pilot Mountain

Seven lodge widows joined Pilot 493 for dinner on August 28. They have the event every year at the Mountain View.

The lodge helped with the annual Pilot Mountain Community Blood Drive November 24 at the Methodist Church. Lodge members assisted in the canteen and helped supply refreshments to donors.

The lodge's Fall Barbecue netted \$1,320.05 which they gave to the Masonic Homes. — *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*

### Cary

The November 7 Barbecue Fundraiser at Cary 198 raised more than \$5,000. The money will go to Masonic charities. — *Ben Oakes Jr.*

### Waxhaw

Kids got a chance to have pancakes with Santa Claus December 12 at Waxhaw 562. The Friday evening event was free, but any donations given were sent to the Masonic Homes.

Waxhaw Lodge held a noon Saturday luncheon November 8. They were honoring their widows and presenting service awards to two members. — *Trestle Board*

### High Point

Michael Rinehardt has reintroduced Numa F. Reid 344's newsletter — *The Word*. The lodge has not had a publication in several years.

On Veterans' Day, Numa F. Reid 344, Acacia 674, and their York Rite bodies sponsored a flag retirement ceremony. Boy Scout Troop 8 and Cub Scout Pack 85 from Jamestown conducted the ceremonial flag burning on the lodge grounds. — *The Word*

### Southern Pines

The town of Southern Pines has a Veterans Weekend around Veterans Day, including a Saturday Parade. Southern Pines 484 treated all the parading veterans to a free breakfast that morning at the lodge. — *Gene Maples*

### Hallsboro

The 18<sup>th</sup> Masonic District will be holding their Annual Pheasant Hunt February 14. The shooting will take place at Honey Hill Hunting Preserve and will cost \$135 per person. Proceeds go to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. For details call James Britt at (910) 734-5865 or Edward Russ at (910) 840-0100. — *James Britt*

### Burgaw

King Solomon 138 was to have their Past Masters' Dinner and installation on January 3. — *King Solomon*

### Hendersonville

Kedron 387 held their Annual Awards Dinner on July 16. J. P. Huggins and George Godsey both got Diamond Jubilees honoring their 60 years of membership in the fraternity. — *Spence Campbell*

### Stanley

Eddie Wyatt was named 2014 Mason of the year at Stanley 713. Wyatt has served as master of the lodge several times, has coached many candidates, and was recently certified as a lecturer. — *Scott Wyatt*

### Advance

Dave Hendrix was lately named Secretary of Distinction by Advance 710. Master Ron Vogler and Secretary Russell Suggs presented the honor. — *Mark Howell*

### Highlands

Blue Ridge 435 held their Christmas Dinner at the neighboring Episcopal Church on December 13.

A recent educational program there by Ron Hensley was entitled "Politics in Masonry or Masonry in Your Politic." — *Trestleboard*

### Salisbury

The 28<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Red Cross Blood Drive was to be held January 9 at the Masonic Temple here. They were giving a surprise gift to all donors. — *Steve Schenk*

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members of Gaston 263 in their lodge. The lodge was full. Grand Master Mayo presided at the opening with members of Gaston 263 occupying the stations and places of the Grand Lodge officers. Darrell Lykins took the part of senior grand warden; David Drum, junior grand warden; Michael L. McGinnis, grand secretary; Josh Crisp, senior grand deacon; Scott McCourry, junior grand deacon; David Timmerman and Dave Jones, grand stewards; Jeremy Biddy, grand chaplain; and Bryan Petzold as grand tyler.

South Carolina's Grand Master David J. DeChant attended the dedication. There was also a large turnout from local North Carolina Prince Hall Masons.

Dallas Mayor Rick Coleman hosted the public gathering. Gaston County Commissioner Tracy Philbeck was the featured speaker. Grand Master Mayo conducted the ceremony of dedicat-

ing the plaque with the assistance of several other Grand Lodge officers as well as members of the local lodge.

Elevators and wheelchair access were added in the renovations. The building's glass was renewed, and custom shutters to match the original courthouse are being used. The town plans to use the old courthouse for private and public events such as receptions and weddings. Other buildings on the courthouse square are also being restored.

Gaston County's current courthouse also has a Masonically dedicated cornerstone. In 1997, Grand Master Gerry Smith included officials from North Carolina's Prince Hall Grand Lodge in a public ceremony for that dedication. It was the first time both grand lodges appeared on the same stage.



DeWayne Gore photos



Masonic Education offering Lecture Series

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education announces a new Lecture Series for 2015 entitled "Allegory and Symbolism." It is designed to provide you with information on what the different signs and symbols in the three degrees may mean.

The untyled sessions are open to all Master Masons, dues cards will be checked. The sessions will run from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. with lunch on your own. You'll get to ask questions. Reservations are not required.

The schedule:

March 7	Jacksonville	Semper Fidelis 680
March 14	Burlington	Bula 409
March 28	Charlotte	Excelsior 261
April 4	Asheville	Mount Hermon 118



Great Landscape Day

OXFORD — The fourth year for the Great Landscape Event at the Masonic Home for Children is coming. March 14 is the big day. Work crews will dig in from 9:00 A.M. until noon. Breakfast will be served before (8:00 A.M.) and lunch afterward. Lodges, family, friends, Masonic youth organizations, churches, and companies have come the last three springs equipped with shovels, rakes, mulch, plants, and a willingness to give their time, sweat, and labor to prepare our Home's grounds for spring and summer. In 2014, more than 60 volunteers from ten different groups made the trip and helped make the campus beautiful for our children and visitors. In case of rain, they'll work March 21 instead. Groups and individuals may sign-up or get information by calling (919) 693-5111 or emailing <crichards@mhc-oxford.org>.

MORE MILEPOSTS



EDEN — Leaksville 136 member Owen A. Brown, center, got his Veteran's Emblem honoring his 50 years as a Freemason on November 1. He is seen here with his wife Jo Ann and his granddaughter Victoria Pace.

— Carl Robertson

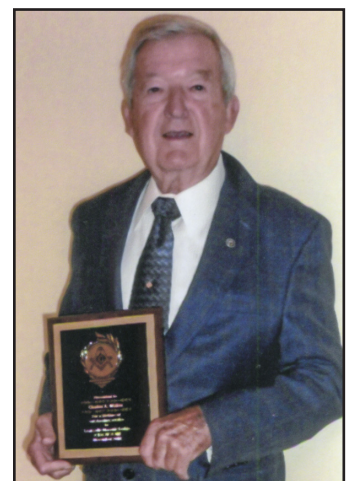


GASTONIA — There was a solid turnout for Gastonia 369's November 13 Past Masters' Night. They stayed after long enough to get a group picture made.



KINSTON — Plumer Daniels, second from left, and David Dudley, third, received their Veteran's Emblems recently, honoring their 50 years as Masons. Both are second generation members of Richard Caswell 705. Seen here, from left, are 705 Master David Roberson, Daniels, Dudley, and Treasurer Tommy Boone.

— Jerry Eubanks



EDEN — Charles A. Walker recently received a special award from Leaksville 136 thanking him for his years of service to the lodge. The past master has coached more than 58 candidates in addition to innumerable other helpful acts for the lodge.

— Carl Robertson



PLYMOUTH — Perseverance 59 had their Past Masters' Night November 14. Among the awards presented at the celebration was Harrison Phelps' Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years in the fraternity. Phelps is the long-time secretary of the lodge.

— Shirelyan Phelps



OLD FORT — On October 27, Joppa 401, held their Annual Awards Night during which they presented Carroll Stevens, center, his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years as a Mason. Thirty-fourth District Deputy Grand Master Russell Bridges, right. Lodge Master Raymond Allison is seen here with them.

— Winston A. Riddle



PENDLETON — On August 26, Kelly Vann, center, received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years as a Mason. The Pendleton 418 member is seen here with his wife Sandra and Fifth District Deputy Grand Master Jim Burch who presented the award.

— Johnny Reynolds



CHINA GROVE — Eureka 283's Tom Lentz, second from left, recently received his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years in Masonry. He served the lodge as master in 1971. Seen here at the presentation are, from left, Doug Earnhardt, Lentz, wife Barbara Lentz, and Past Grand Master Dewey Preslar.

— Doug Earnhardt



### Stew Cook-Off names champs

WINSTON-SALEM — The 26<sup>th</sup> Masonic District held their first Chicken Stew Cook-Off this fall. Doug Caudle (then grand master-elect) was the contest judge. Sixty brave souls from six lodges braved the cold weather to vie for the title. According to one witness, "All the stews were fantastic and the fellowship was great." Kernersville 669 cooked the best pot. Others said, "Just wait until next year." Plans for that contest are already under way. Seen here are, from left, Kernersville's Chad Delp and son Derek, then Deputy Grand Master Caudle, and Kernersville Master Todd Hurm. — Joseph Wages

### From the Medical Committee

# Meet your anesthesiologist

By Joseph Joyce

You require surgery. After a number of appointments with your surgeon, you arrive at the hospital or outpatient surgery center for your surgery. Here, you will meet a new health care professional: your anesthesiologist. This person is either a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) or anesthesiologist — in North Carolina you'll very likely meet both professionals. The CRNA is a registered nurse who has worked for a period of time in critical care areas and has continued their education in the specialty of nurse anesthesia. The anesthesiologist is a physician who has completed a specialization program in anesthesiology. BOTH anesthesiologists are very well versed in provision of all types of anesthesia care, from general anesthesia to heavy sedation to spinal or epidural anesthesia. The anesthesia provider—aka anesthetist (CRNA or MD)—will meet you and interview you prior to surgery to learn as much as possible about your medical history. Often times, you will meet the anesthetist as much as a week prior to the

scheduled surgery. This meeting is a very important aspect of the anesthesia care you will receive. When you arrive for your surgery, it is likely that you will not meet the same anesthetist you met in the presurgery meeting. Worry not! Your information will be there for this anesthetist. You will not be "put to sleep" prior to entering the actual operating room. Once initiated, your anesthesia care/surgical procedure will likely seem to you to have passed like the blink of an eye. The anesthesia medications administered provide pain relief (analgesia), muscle relaxation (when necessary), and most significantly, amnesia. In truth, presenting yourself—or your loved one—for anesthesia care requires a level of trust in others not unlike the level of trust placed in your brothers when raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason. 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>. *Joseph Joyce is a member of Walnut Cove 629.*

### Grill raffle

PRINCETON — When 16<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Deputy Grand Master W. C. Barrett visited St. Patrick's 617 December 17, they asked him to draw the winning ticket for the lodge's scholarship raffle. The ticket he drew was that of Master David Rose. Rose donated the Holland Grill Grand Prize back to the lodge to have another scholarship raffle. — W. C. Barrett



### Superheroes help kids

WAKE FOREST — On September 20, Wake Forest 282 sponsored the Superhero 5K Run at Carroll Joyner Park. Fifteen Masonic Home for Children residents and several staff members and their family members participated. Deputy Grand Master Doug Caudle, Senior Grand Warden Bryant Webster, Grand Steward

Shaun Bradshaw and his family, demonstrated their superhuman feats by running. Eight-year-old Jamario, won the logo contest, and his drawing became the symbol of the event, appearing on all the T-shirts and medals for the Run. He autographed copies of his picture at the finish line. The event was held to raise money for the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. — Bryant D. Webster



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3..... Zerby, Michael John	205..... Goode, Noah Taylor	407..... Milam, Bobby David	590..... Morgan III, James Willard	693..... Bittenbender, Ian Butler
8..... Peebles, Joshua Kent	208..... Barwick, John Henry	409..... Moore III, Raymond Browning	592..... Hensley, Grady David	693..... Hutchinson, William Dennis
27..... Kappel, Preston Blair	214..... Elliot, Ryan C.	409..... Snyder, Phillip Lee	598..... Carver, Jeremiah Clinton	693..... Jennings, Keenan Wayne
32..... Freeman III, Gary Glenn	214..... Taylor, Tony Raymond	423..... Rash, Ethan Jamie	598..... Hicks, Garrett Taylor	694..... Cole, Craig Matthew
32..... Tatum, Jeremy Adam	217..... Marshall, David Edward William	428..... Gullickson, Larry L.	602..... Ballance, David Earl	695..... Kadena, Jon Steven
45..... Cecile, Jason Quinn	218..... Guerrette, Roy Douglas	433..... Lovick, Jason Cunningham	602..... Boyd Jr., Larry Ray	695..... Ross, David Scott
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45..... Treadway, Gary Vinson	231..... Mills, Christopher Ryan	444..... Brown, Jamieson Levi	609..... McNabb, William Rowland	699..... Hayes, Frank Jason
53..... Harrison III, Graham Robert	231..... Stone, Christopher Todd	446..... Contreras, Cristian Elpidio	616..... Amburn, Chad Duane	699..... Maness, Jimmy Lee
53..... Morgan, David Eric	237..... Cotton, Brian Patrick	461..... Hartman, Justin Robert	616..... Horton, Mason Ryan	699..... Regan, Brian Keith
53..... Gray, Joshua Paul	248..... Weaver Jr., Walter Wesley	462..... Pickert, Bradley Merle	617..... Grundmeier, Kevin Fredrick	701..... Morgan, Arthur Thomas
64..... Adams, Timothy Ray	253..... Watkins, William Patrick	472..... Henson, James Michael	618..... Abernathy, William Chase	701..... Rozier, Christopher Neil
64..... Britt, James Thomas	265..... King, Charles Kelly	472..... Rabideau, Marvin Hogie	618..... Lovingood, Justin Alex	701..... Walls, Joseph B.
75..... Hill, Gary Brian	265..... Gosnell, Andrew Gaston	472..... Shuler, Dayne Sutton	626..... Karkiker, Joshua Chadwick	704..... Cruikshanks II, Luther H.
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118..... Holmes, Daniel Frederick	322..... Campbell, John Mack	515..... MacKey, Russell Cole	669..... Furniss-Roe, Brian Douglas	737..... Forgo IV, Charles Nickolas
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123..... Anderson, Joel Stuart	331..... Edmonds, Hunter Wesley	534..... Owens, Wade Frank	670..... Allen, Jeremy David	741..... Tosto, Casey Lee
125..... Pileski, David Andrew	343..... Bumgarner, Darrell Shane	535..... Morgan, Matthew Earl	670..... Bartlett, Scottie Ray	742..... Butler, Corey Patrick
125..... Westbrook, James Brandon	357..... Garland, Elmer Daniel	542..... Davidson, Cameron Eugene	670..... Stoudenmire, Edward Orrell	742..... Huneycutt, David Winfield
128..... Griffin, James Allen	358..... Rehak, Joseph Robert	542..... Martin, Caleb Matthew	670..... Whitman, Sawyer Andrew	744..... Harrill Jr., Fred Falls
134..... Lory, Shayne David	375..... Jackson, Nicholas Eugene	542..... McDowell, Jacob Hunt	672..... White, Austin Allen Farley	745..... Johnson, Andrew Thomas
137..... Chaney, James Marion	375..... Moss, Matthew James	550..... Iovito, Curtis Victor	674..... Delk, Christopher Noah	745..... McKenzie Jr., Kevin Lee
143..... Chaudhry, Atiq Ur-Rehman	375..... Lingerfeldt, Christopher John	552..... Barham Jr., Royce Glenn	680..... Johnson, James Preston	749..... Aldridge, William Edward
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170..... Tate, Cletus James	386..... Allred, Stephen John	568..... Brinson, Robert Michael	686..... Burgess, Ron Smith	756..... Medina, Joshua Noel
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187..... Greer, Alan Vance	387..... Warren, Taylor Aaron	568..... Stille, John Clyde	687..... Wilkerson, Mark Eugene	757..... Moyer, Richard Curtis
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191..... Hamrick, Bruce W.	403..... Gladwin, Patrick Copeland	584..... Crick, John Bainbridge	688..... Fuller, Ralph Eugene	763..... Layne Jr., Timothy Scott

# Cruising In

CREEDMOOR — On September 20, Creedmoor 499 held their Annual Car Show. It was the eighth year for the event. The show was a great success with 88 cars entered, Grand Master Dalton Mayo attended, and WTVD News Anchor Anna Laurel helped hand out trophies.

Eddie Caudle, of Oxford Car and Truck, donated a 2000 Ford Mustang GT Convertible for auction. The auction brought \$5,000 which was donated to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. Caudle's parents were raised at the Home. — Tommy Keith



# MILEPOSTS



GREENSBORO — Robert Andrew Moya, left, received his Diamond Jubilee Award from Corinthian 542 Master Jeff Bullington November 1. It was the lodge's Awards and Ladies' Night at the Greensboro Masonic Temple. — Jeff Bullington



MOREHEAD CITY — Grand Master Dalton Mayo visited Ocean 405 November 1. He was there to present Harry Vernon Hardy, center, his 75 year membership certificate. He also gave Harry Chase Rivers, second from right, his 50-year Veteran's Emblem. Seen here, from left, are 405 Master Chase Templeton, Mayo, Hardy, Rivers, and Senior Grand Deacon Jimmy Hicks. — Jim Hall



AHOSKIE — Davie 39's Grady W. Sumner recently earned his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership. He is seen here with his wife Sophia. — A. C. Hassell



SMITHFIELD — Fellowship 84 member Edward Jackson recently received his Diamond Jubilee for his 60 years as a Mason. — Grover Dees



WAKE FOREST — Millbrook 97's G. Max Bloodworth recently received his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years as a Mason. Bloodworth, also a member of Granville 380 and Archer 165, described it as "one of the proudest days of my life." He reports that he has visited 80 lodges in eight jurisdictions.



CARY — November 11, Green Level 277 presented Raymond Johnson, center, a custom-made apron and special Certificate of Merit honoring his 65 years as a Mason. Master Stan Latta is seen here showing the apron. The honoree's son, William Johnson, tied the apron around his father's waist. Raymond's wife and daughter also attended the altar. He served the lodge as master in 1958. — Stan Latta



MADISON — Dan River 129 presented service awards at their November 3 Past Masters' and Widows' Banquet. Thomas McCollum Jr., left, got his 60-year Diamond Jubilee. James Leo Rhodes, center, received his 50-year Veteran's Emblem. Dan River Master Jerry Foley, right, and 22nd District Deputy Grand Master Donald Kehler made the presentations. — Tommy McCollum



STATESVILLE — Jack McLelland, center, recently got his 60-year Diamond Jubilee award from the Grand Lodge. Snow Creek 571 Master Frank Hager, right, presented the award. Seen with them here is Jack's uncle Don McLelland, 64 years a Mason and also a member of Snow Creek. Both McLellands remain active and are officers in Snow Creek Lodge. — Lloyd Weatherman



AHOSKIE — Edward T. "Puddin'" Copeland, center, of Davie 39 has recently been presented his 60-year Diamond Jubilee. Seen here with him are his son Ed, also a member of the lodge, and his daughter Peg McLean. — A. C. Hassell



HALIFAX — Royal White Hart 2 member Winford Dickens, center, earned his Diamond Jubilee last year. The 60-year Mason is seen here with then Junior Grand Warden Gene Cobb, left, and then Royal White Hart Master Randy Bowen. — Randy Bowen



ARAPAHOE — Tommy Banks, center, got his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years Masonic membership on November 14. Banks has been secretary of Rainbow 479 for some years. He was first a member of Corinthian 230 in Rocky Mount where he was twice master. He joined Rainbow lodge when he retired and served as master there before becoming secretary. He is seen here receiving the award from Seventh District Deputy Grand Master James Wiley, left, and Seventh District Deputy Grand Lecturer Tom Robinson, right. — H. T. Banks



MOREHEAD CITY — On November 10, OCEAN 405 Master Chase Templeton presented Thomas Augustus Abell, right, his 70-year award on behalf of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. Abell is a plural member of Eau Claire 344 in Columbia, South Carolina and Ocean 405. — Jim Hall

# Traditional observance lodges come to North Carolina

By Speed Hallman

SALISBURY — North Carolina's first traditional observance lodge, Sophia 767, received its charter from Grand Master Dalton Mayo on October 22. Sixty-five members and visitors attended the ceremony. One week later, Veritas Lodge in Asheville, our second traditional observance lodge, was given a dispensation to begin working as a lodge.



Sophia 767 chain of union after their institution.

Traditional observance (TO) lodges are marked by high standards of admission, solemn and dignified meetings and ritual work, ample time between the degrees for candidates to study and absorb their meaning, and a quest for deeper understanding of Freemasonry. They are often also associated with formal dress, fine dining, and higher dues.

Sophia's formation was sparked by Andrew Hammer's lecture at Wilkerson College Lodge 760 in April 2013. Hammer's book *Observing the Craft* calls for "nothing but the utmost personal effort and commitment to be put into the operation of a Masonic Lodge, and the experience of a Masonic meeting, in search of the transformational experience."

They soon began planning to launch a traditional observance lodge. They chose Salisbury for its central location. Their July 2013 organizational meeting attracted about 50 interested Masons. That September, Grand Master Dewey Preslar issued Sophia's dispensation. The charter and lodge number were approved at the 2014 annual communication. Sophia launched with 37

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Simkhovitch's rendering of the wreck at the Beaufort City Hall

# Who was Crissie Wright?

By Ric Carter

SMYRNA — We don't have many lodges named for women. No, French Broad 292 does not count. It's named for a river. But, there is Crissie Wright 741. Crissie Wright Lodge was chartered in this coastal Carteret County fishing community in 1969. That lodge was founded by members of Franklin 109 in Beaufort to serve the Down East portion of the county, a more rural, commercial fishing oriented community. It is the home lodge of Past Grand Master Gerry Smith.

According to charter member Charlie Goodwin, the lodge wanted a name that would tie it to the history of that unique portion of the county. Crissie Wright was at the center of one of the area's most widely known stories.

We learn part of the story from Mary Warshaw of Beaufort. It is hosted on her website, "Beaufort, North Carolina History."

On January 7, 1886, the Philadelphia schooner Crissie Wright, on her way from Baltimore to Savannah, was forced to beach herself three miles east of Beaufort during the bitter winter of 1886. Six of the crew drowned or froze to death. Two of the crew were lost at sea, and three were buried in a common grave in Beaufort's Old Burying Ground.

In the History of the Methodist Church, Amy Muse described "...that winter so cold that no one remembered its like before or has acknowledged its equal since. The winter when the Crissie Wright foundered on Shackelford Banks, the crew lashed to the rigging and freezing while men who would rescue them could only signal helplessly from our shore unable to put out a boat in the storm.

"The Nellie B. Dey, Mr. Dey's fish boat, finally brought the victims in to the wharf at the foot of Turner Street. But one man was revived; the others were laid out in the sample room of Mr. Billy Dill's hotel on the southwest corner of Front and Turner Streets, and Mr. Jurney buried them in the graveyard back of the Church.

"Miss Daisy Hatsell tells of standing in the cold of the upper piazza of her home on Queen Street watching as the men were borne to the cemetery on improvised biers, and Miss Lutie Jones tells of the feeling of awe that came over her when, as a child, she ran into the cemetery and saw so many graves open at the same time. None of the men were from Beaufort, but it was an incident that would have stirred any people, and to a people as compassionate by nature as those in Beaufort, it left such an impression that voices are hushed today as the story is retold. A small compensation for the tragedy was the establishment of the Cape Lookout Lifesaving Station in 1887 which is said to have been a direct result of the event."

On May 26, 2007, "Only One Survived Sinking of Jersey-built Schooner in 1886" by C. G. Rickards (great grandson of the Crissie Wright's captain) was published in *The Courier Post*, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

"The Crissie Wright set sail from Baltimore on December 31, 1885, with 500 tons of phosphate headed for Savannah, GA. After making her way through the Chesapeake Bay, the ship entered the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean. On or about January 7, the Crissie Wright was off the coast of North Carolina when a winter

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