



Completing restoration is a new beginning for Grimesland

By Ric Carter

GRIMESLAND — Back in 2013, we told you about Grimesland 475 starting to restore their historic lodge building. A tornado the previous year had damaged their roof, requiring its replacement. While they were at it, they were inspired to take the lodge back a bit and expose some of its earlier beauty.

The exact age of their building is not known, but they moved into the old schoolhouse in about 1895. Few could remember



what their home looked like before suspended ceilings and paneling were added over the old interior. The exterior, bricked over some years ago, was originally white painted wood. The brick remains. But it's the inside that's gotten extensive changes.

To get the job done, they appointed a committee with a Mason for each job: Benjie Forrest was chairman, Kendall Paramore took on finance questions, Robbie Dail tackled the construction



details, and Mike Clark was the fundraiser.

On the second floor with its preparation and lodge rooms, walls and ceiling were returned to their historic beadboard and painted white and blue. The suspended ceiling was removed, and the curved ceiling restored thanks to rerouting of ductwork. The attic

was insulated to save energy. All the floors upstairs were refinished.

The downstairs got big changes, too. The dining room got sheetrock and wainscot. The floors will be taken back to their

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Freemasons and the first NC Supreme Court

By Danny Moody

If we examine the corner of North Carolina's Capital as well as many other buildings around Raleigh and in fact across the county, we find the cornerstones are in the north east corner of the building. This indicates that these stones were laid by members of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. In fact, both the 1833 and the 1933 stones are inscribed that they were laid by the North Carolina Grand Lodge. The cornerstone is the stone on which the entire structure rests.



John Louis Taylor

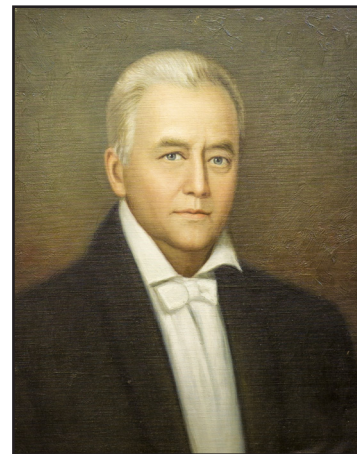
If we think of an institution such as the Supreme Court of North Carolina and look symbolically at the Court as a structure, the cornerstone is the first men who composed the first court. It was these first three judges that made sure the institution was laid on a firm and sound foundation. The first three

judges were Chief Justice Louis Taylor, Judge John Hall, and Judge Leonard Henderson. In a careful examination of the lives of these judges, we find the following. All three judges had been Superior Court judges. All three judges had served in the General Assembly. All three were members of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. The entire state was relying on these three men to make certain the cornerstone of North Carolina's Temple of Justice was laid sure and firm, to make sure it could withstand the storms that were sure to come, to withstand assaults from all comers, and to last until the end of time. There is no doubt these three Mason/judges did exactly what was expected of them.

Until the adoption of the North Carolina Constitution of 1868, the General Assembly elected the members of the Supreme Court. The members were elected for "terms of good behavior" or what amounted to terms for life. The salary was \$2,000 per year with an additional \$500 for the chief justice. The bill creating the Court also gave the members authority to select the chief justice.

John Louis Taylor was chosen by his brethren to be the first chief justice. This selection was due to his Superior Court commission being the oldest. Taylor was born in London in 1769. After the death of his father, his mother sent John Louis here to America where his brother James had settled some time before. Taylor was fortunate to have studied at William and Mary and

to receive instruction from the great law teacher George Wythe, who also taught Thomas Jefferson. Due to financial difficulties,



John Hall

he was forced to leave William and Mary. He traveled to North Carolina and settled in Fayetteville. He continued reading law on his own and was licensed to practice in 1788 at the age of 19. He represented Fayetteville in the General Assembly in 1792 at the age of 23. He moved to New Bern and then in 1811 moved to Raleigh where he built his home, Elmwood. Elmwood still stands and is the second oldest house in Raleigh on its original foundation.

Taylor served as chief justice from 1819 until 1829. He was buried on the grounds at Elmwood with full Masonic Rites. Lat-

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THE BOTTOM LINE

An update on good news around the state

By Douglas L. Caudle
Grand Master



Great News from WhiteStone

For the first time since 2005, WhiteStone, A Masonic and Eastern Star Community is accepting new residents who need financial assistance for their care! Charitable assistance was temporarily suspended due to increased cost of care and reduced support from our lodges. Currently, we have 36 fraternally related residents who need approximately one million dollars in annual financial assistance. In 2014, our blue lodges contributed around \$256,000 with the balance being funded by the Order of the Eastern Star and our North Carolina Masonic Foundation. Sadly, only 40% of our lodges contributed to the care of our fraternally related residents. This low number may be due to a lack of understanding of our need at WhiteStone.

Last November, we held a combined District Deputy Grand Master/Grand Lecturer Meeting which was hosted by WhiteStone. During this meeting, a session was held to identify misconceptions about WhiteStone and answer questions about how the Home is operated.

We also discussed the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Foundation, the limited liability company (LLC) created to channel 100% of donations received to care exclusively for fraternally related residents. Your DDGM was asked to share more detailed information about WhiteStone with you during their official visit.

There are a number of opportunities available to creatively raise funds for our charities. Your Grand Lodge Committee on Special Activities is ready, willing, and able to advise you on how to properly conduct a fundraiser. If additional funds are received, even more fraternally related residents who need financial assistance can be admitted. I have no doubt that when properly informed, our lodges and brothers will increase their support of our wonderful Home in Greensboro.

Masonic Scholarships

You will be receiving a letter from me to support the Charles Cathey Masonic Scholarship fund. This program awards eight \$1,000 scholarships annually to deserving high school seniors to attend college. Last year, there were more than 160 applicants from across North Carolina for these eight scholarships. A committee of five had the monumental task of deciding which of these applicants would receive scholarships. With your support, we will be able to increase the number of students we are able to assist with their education. You can contribute by mailing a check in the envelope you will receive, or you may securely donate via the Grand Lodge website under the "Masons in the Community" tab.

District Meetings

My Brothers, I am humbled by the large attendance at many of my district meetings. Your support and kind words of encouragement mean more than I can properly express. Although the travel schedule can be grueling at times, I am immediately boosted by your support and fellowship.

I appreciate Brothers Kevin Otis, Chris Richardson, and Mark Kolada from the Masonic Home for Children and WhiteStone for their attendance and sharing stories with you on how your support of our Homes impacts lives on a daily basis. A special thank you to Grand Secretary Walt Clapp for his coordination and participation in these events. Although he has sat in on well over 1,000 of these meetings, he still brings a positive energy and gives wise counsel when asked.

During these meetings, we have discussed many topics of concern including guarding the West Gate. One of the ways that we can improve our new member retention, eliminate confusion, and reduce the number of rejections is to improve our investigation committees. I have tasked Junior Grand Deacon Mack Sigmon and Junior Grand Steward Larry Thompson to create a guideline for investigation committees. This guideline will describe the various questions that you can and should be asking the potential member. Questions that cannot and should not be asked will also be listed. By using this guideline, we will be better enabled to determine if the man will be a good fit for us and just as important if we will be a fit for him.

NC Freemasonry

Brethren, I have traveled to several other grand jurisdictions over the years. I am proud of the fine work that the Masons in North Carolina are doing. We have many vibrant and working lodges with members who truly live the obligations that they have taken. From the mountains to the coast and everywhere in between, North Carolina Masonry is alive and well!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Stone Cutter

There once was a stone cutter who was dissatisfied with himself and with his position in life. One day he passed a wealthy merchant's house. Through the open gateway he saw many fine possessions and important visitors. "How wealthy that merchant must be!" he thought.

The stone cutter became very envious and wished he could be like the merchant. To his great surprise, he suddenly had his wish fulfilled and did indeed become the merchant, enjoying more luxuries than he had ever imagined, yet he envied and despised those less wealthy than himself.

Soon a high official passed by, carried in a sedan chair accompanied by attendants and escorted by soldiers blowing trumpets. Everyone, no matter how wealthy, had to bow low before the procession. "How powerful that official is!" he thought. "I wish I could be a high official like that."

Again his wish was granted and he became the high official, carried everywhere in his finely embroidered sedan chair, feared and hated by everyone. It was a hot summer day, so the official felt very uncomfortable in his sticky sedan chair. He looked up at the sun shining proudly in the sky, totally unaffected by the presence of the high official. "How majestic the sun is!" he thought. "I wish I could be the sun!"

Then he became the sun, shining fiercely down on everyone, scorching fields, cursed by farmers and laborers. But a huge black cloud moved between him and the earth, blocking his

light from everything below. "How mighty that cloud is!" he thought. "I wish I could be a cloud like that."

And so he became the cloud, raining down and flooding fields and villages as everyone shook their fists and cursed at him. But soon he found that he was being pushed away by some great force, and realized it was the wind. "How peerless the wind is!" he thought. "I wish that I was the wind!"

Then he became the wind, blowing tiles off of roofs, uprooting trees, feared and detested by all. But after a while he ran against something that did not move, no matter how forcefully he blew against it. It was a huge towering rock. "How impervious that rock is! I wish I was that rock."

Then he became the rock, greater than anything else on earth. But as he stood there, he heard a tapping sound and he felt himself being changed. "What could be greater than me?" he wondered. Looking down, far below he saw the figure of a humble stone cutter, pounding at the rock with his hammer and chisel.

From <zenmasonry.wordpress.com>



Operative Lodge 150 in Aberdeen, Scotland is unusual in that it is only open to operative stonemasons.

— From *Truth is Stranger than Fiction*, by Alphonse Cerza

NC gets a Masonic podcast

By Ben Wallace

"The Masonian" is a new podcast focusing on Freemasonry in North Carolina. It is scheduled to be released monthly and will be available via the Facebook page of 357 Productions.

A podcast is a way to reach a large number of people without being physically present or tuning in at a particular time. One simply views the program by logging in from their computer or mobile device.

357 Productions is a lofty name for a couple of guys with big ideas. It had its genesis in a program started by the Grand Lodge Committee on Education. They had been filming interviews with prominent Freemasons from North Carolina to use in the Masonic education portion of the Grand Lodge website. This portion of the website is currently undergoing a major redesign and will have many new and exciting features. In the course of developing this series, the 357 team realized the potential for new opportunities.

Production Manager Shawn Brown says, "We realized that we could do a podcast with the equipment we had. Together with the grand master's desire to see us use social media in new ways, it just seemed like the logical thing to do."

The format will be a one hour show which

will discuss current events and provide opportunities for guest appearances. Issues in this grand jurisdiction will make up the main emphasis, although Freemasonry in general will be discussed. The first episode discusses current events such as Wilkerson College, the Wilkerson College Lodge Symposium, the grand master's district meetings, the traditional observance movement, and many more topics with local interest. Future episodes will continue this style of programing and will add interesting guests or themes.

The podcast is not an official function of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; however, they operate with the endorsement of Grand Master Douglas Caudle. This allows for creativity in production while still being informally sanctioned.

We want "The Masonian" to be informative, but at the same time, we want the show to have an edge. "We will bring our own style," says Riley Beaman, co-host of the show.

New episodes should be released around the first of each month. You may find them on YouTube and Facebook. The first episode is here: <https://www.facebook.com/357productionsnc>

Ben Wallace is a member of Blackmer 127.

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 6:00 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.gln.us>. This schedule was the schedule as of March 25, 2015. Changes may be necessary. Please consult your lodge for updates.

*At the Asheville meeting, the meeting will be held first and will be followed by the dinner.

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	(York Rite Bldg.) 2100 Glenburnie Dr., 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

Social media, a Masonic approach

By Shaun Bradshaw

If you can't say something nice... Many of us communicate with brothers, friends, and business acquaintances through social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, and others. As Freemasons, we must be mindful when we represent ourselves as members of the fraternity through these services. Whatever we say or post helps form the public's impression of Masonry. As such, it is important that we act and communicate according to the lessons we are taught as Masons and strive to create a positive impression for those who may view the content we post and share.

The exponential increase in the presence of North Carolina Freemasons on social networking sites led Grand Master Doug Caudle to develop a guide for our members to help ensure that our communications reflect positively on each of us and on the fraternity as a whole. Several other states have already established codes of conduct and best practices for social media. A professional social media consultant and Mason has reviewed these policies, and Grand Master Caudle has asked the Grand Lodge to publish the following guidelines for us to use during our social media activities.

These suggestions are recommended to all North Carolina Freemasons. We extend thanks to the grand lodges of Massachusetts,

New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, and Washington.

Guidelines for social media usage by North Carolina Masons

- Always remember that you are a Mason in the lodge, in public, at home, and in your communications both public and private.
- Conduct your social media activities in a way that reflects your membership in the craft by always displaying courtesy towards others.
- Act in a way that presents a positive image to the world of your membership in Freemasonry.
- Your actions on various social media outlets should reflect the highest standards of morality and integrity, just as you would practice within the lodge.
- Assume that every electronic communication you send will be seen by people other than the intended recipient.
- Regardless of the privacy settings you use, assume information posted and shared on social media sites will not stay private.
- If it's too difficult to remember all of these points, simply keep in mind the wise words of that vivacious character Thumper from the movie Bambi, who said, "If you can't say something nice, don't say nothin' at all."

Shaun Bradshaw is a member of Stokesdale 428 and grand marshal of our Grand Lodge.



New honoraries in Asheboro

ASHEBORO — Balfour 188's newest honorary members, Thomas McFarlin of Morning Star 691 (PHA) and Joe Craven of Invincible 251 (PHA), have been regular visitors to Balfour Lodge for about five years. They don't just visit, they work. "They've been indispensable in our last several Third Degrees," says Past Master Jason Strucinski. Seen here, from left are Strucinski, David Cottrell, Craven, McFarlin, and 2014 Master Tommy Dixon.

— Jason Strucinski



Vets ride Masons' float

MOREHEAD CITY — On November 8, Ocean 405 participated in the local Veterans Day Parade. Billy Gwinn drove the truck pulling the float. Military veterans Bob Correll, Charles Baswell, Robert Blake, Gordon Day, Mark Morton, and Jay Stockard rode the float.

— Jim Hall

Your articles and NC Mason Deadlines

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

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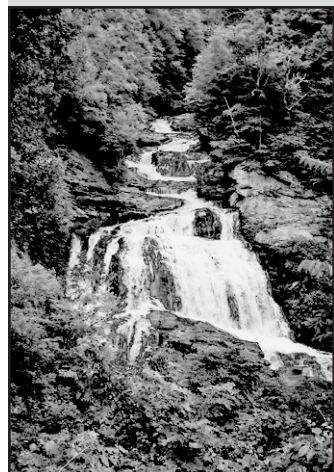
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TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



Manteo

A former student recently established a scholarship at College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City. With it she honored four of her instructors at the college, among them Manteo 521 member Brian Edwards. She said the four "made the difference to help [her] move from merely existing to doing something positive with [her] life." The student graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and is beginning law school. — Faye Edwards

Beaufort

PGM Leonard Safrit Jr. of Franklin 109 was named the 2014 recipient of the Joseph T. Barwick Civic Award. The award is presented annually by the Board of Trustees of Carteret Community College and "recognizes selfless voluntarism and helping others in the county."

Safrit, who owns and operates several building supply companies, has long been active in community activities including Core Sound Waterfowl Museum building chairman, president of the Chamber of Commerce, chair of the local Airport Authority, helped organize the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 20 years as a volunteer fireman, and many offices at Ann Street United Methodist Church, among many other less visible duties. — PGM Gerry T. Smith

Fayetteville

Phoenix 8 recently presented honors to lodge members. Thomas Walter Urbanek was named their Mason of the Year. Neil McCloud was given the Trowel Award, and the Pillar Award went to Lee Short. — Phoenix Lodge

The 17th Masonic District held their Second Annual Remembrance Dinner and Toast in Honor of George Washington's Birthday on February 21. It was a formal evening at Hilltop House. — Ken Wical

Statesville

There will be a DeMolay Open House held at the lodge in Statesville May 16. The dinner and presentations will be open to former DeMolays even if they are not Masons. They will also see if there is interest in restarting a DeMolay chapter in the 30th Masonic District.

Mark Carr, Statesville 27's 2015 master, adopted "Relevance" to members, community, and Masonry as his theme for the year. He wants to "balance ritual, fellowship, and charity." He has created a Communications Committee and lodge historian for the lodge this year. Joe Link will lead the Communications Committee, and J. P. Ammons is the historian.

The lodge will be hosting a Life Saver Day in the spring. Be A Match will be doing cheek swabs to help identify organ and marrow donors. They work in cooperation with Community Blood Center of the Carolinas.

Statesville Lodge has reinitiated its monthly ritual practice sessions. — Joppa Informer

Gastonia

King Solomon 704 held a Chili and Cake Off February 7. Entry fees were \$20 for chili entries and ten dollars for cakes. Admission to the chili supper was ten dollars for consumers. Dana Haney took first place in the chili judging. She even promised to make it again to feed the lodge at their March stated communication.

The lodge has made progress on their Widows' Brigade. Seven widows have signed up for the program that will help watch out for the wives of their late brothers.

King Solomon Lodge is voting on a couple of bylaws amendments: a lodge dress code and alcohol use by renters. — The Plumb Line

Lenoir

Members of Hibriten 262 were recently informed about a member of their Masonic family undergoing a difficult health issue. Modern technology was useful in letting Masons help out. The lodge used Facebook and the Internet to notify their members of the situation and gave them directions to the GoFundMe site where money to help with medical care expenses was being raised. — Hibriten Lodge

Highlands

Blue Ridge 435 will celebrate their 125th birthday in 2016. They are starting to explore ways they will celebrate. — Trestleboard

Sanford

Local charities have benefitted with recent interest from Sanford 151. They had their first local charity golf tournaments in 2012. They raised nearly \$5,000 for the Lee County Foster Parents Association. In 2013, they went with just one tournament but focused on making it bigger and better. They brought in more than \$6,000 which was split between Foster Parents and Lee County Back-Pack Pals, a program which helps feed more than 350 kids every weekend. The 2014 tournament was to help Back-Pack Pals and the Bread Basket Program which feeds 150-225 homeless and hungry each day.

Additionally, they send about \$1,000 each year to the Masonic Home for Children. It is raised from member donations. — Tommy Holder

Spencer

Spencer 543 celebrated Thanksgiving November 25 with their Eastern Star Chapter. After a fine supper, they handed out some awards. Larry Poteat got his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership, and Ted Miller got his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years in the lodge. Emil Sparger and Jack Upton (a 69-year member) were named Life Members of the lodge.

The Sharing the Light Award went to Cecil Keith, and Sam Krohn was named Spencer Lodge's Mason of the Year.

Richard Shields from Waxhaw Lodge recently presented a program on Masonry in times of war. It was based on his most recent book, *May Brotherly Love Prevail, Masonry on the Battlefield and in Prison Camps*. — On the Square



Pimping a cooker for a Brother

ROBBINSVILLE — Bill Bailey has many times loaned Robbinsville 672 his smoker over the years. The lodge decided to thank him by sprucing up the cooker. Jarrod Sellers and Austin White donated their time and artifice skills to convert it to look like a pig. Erwin "Buster" Brooms donated the black paint. The original plan called for painting it pink, but heat resistance in pink paint proved a deal breaker. And, yes, they asked him before making the alterations. — Jim Hyde

Grimesland

There's nothing like fixing up to get other things going well also. After refurbishing their historic lodge building, Grimesland 475 had an unprecedented year for charity, bringing in \$3,100 this past year. They plan to repeat their pancake supper this year.

The lodge held their annual ladies' night at the Pig Palace in December. — The Grimesland Gavel

Wilmington

St. John's 1 is holding a Master Mason Degree onboard the USS North Carolina May 2. — Terry Kuhn

Orient 395 was hosting the local Rainbow Girls Third Annual Chili Cookoff on March 1. — Orient Lodge

High Point

Numa F. Reid 344 is collecting food for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. They keep a box outside the preparation room to hold canned goods members bring to each stated meeting.

Several members of the lodge have received their service awards. James Benjamin Skinner got his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years as a Mason. Receiving their Veteran's Emblems for 50 years were Theodore "Buck" Carlton, James Everett Jones, James Milton Small, Gary Dale Snipes, and Ronald Wallace Stevens. — The Word

Dallas

Gaston 263 will serve you breakfast on the second Saturday of every month. Their scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and liver mush will help fill your tummy and scholarships for college bound kids. — Benjie Creasman

Atkinson

Lots of cultures celebrate anadromous fish as a seasonal tradition. Atkinson 612 held a shad fry at their March 23 stated communication. — Newsletter

Hookerton

Jerusalem 95 sent \$1,500 to the Home for Children and \$500 to the MESH Foundation last year. — The Jerusalem Journal

Southern Pines

First Fridays in Southern Pines bring a crowd downtown. Several members of the lodge became part of the Blue Team that set up an information tent there and collected donations for our charities. They brought in about \$400 during each outing. Craig Zimmerman, Lannie Harper, Guy Woodard, Trent Carter, Frank Wanko, Billy Raybourn, and Jim Kennedy will revive the team May 3 when First Friday kicks off the 2015 season.

They call Inge Wanko the Champion of Oxford because she sells her own baked goods at the event to raise money for the Home in Oxford. She also distributes the Masonic Home for Children piggy banks.

Southern Pines Lodge recently dissolved an old, and superfluous, temple association.

After it was rained out August 9, the R. C. Yoder Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament was played September 6. Sixty people played in the 14th tournament at Pinewild Country Club in Pinehurst. The tournament is one of the fundraisers they hold to finance scholarships each year. — The Trestle Board

Winston-Salem

Old Town 751's Bikes for Books program continues with the delivery of eight bicycles to local elementary schools on January 18. West Bend Lodge in Lewisville has started a similar program this year.

Six of the ten lodges in the 26th Masonic District participated in the Chicken Stew Cook Off last year. They will be repeating the contest in the coming year.

Old Town Lodge plans to help the Triad Masonic Youth with their May 2 golf tournament. — On the Level at Old Town Lodge

Concord

Stokes 32 has a canned food drive ongoing throughout the year. Additionally, they have a collection hat at each meeting. This year's collection in first quarter will go to Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society drive. The second quarter is for Concord Elementary School to help buy supplies, the third Children's Shoebox which buys Christmas gifts for needy children, and the last to buy fruit baskets for lodge widows. — Thomas A. Van Etten

Greensboro

The 23rd Masonic District offered a Deacons Training Class January 17 at the Greensboro Masonic Temple. They call the deacons the "workhorses of the lodge." The class covers such things as general duties of the offices, examining visitors, balloting, sealing and unsealing the door, managing the lights, and preparing candidates. — 23rd Masonic District

Gate City 694 masters have been adopting themes for their year in the East. Adam Butler's for 2015 is "Fellowship." He plans to hold "events outside the lodge for members to get together in a casual setting."

Gate City is having a Brunswick Stew Sale March 7. — Trestleboard

At their February 19 meeting, P. P. Turner 746 had their Valentine's Dinner for their members and wives. At the dinner, they also honored 93-year-old Curtis R. Kennedy, the first Mason raised in their lodge.

They are working with WhiteStone to hold a Masonic Easter Egg Hunt March 28. — P. P. Turner Lodge

Graham

Thomas M. Holt 493 is holding their Charity Golf Tournament May 16. The tournament will be held at Quaker Creek Golf Course in Mebane and will include lunch after the game. Entry fees are \$50 per player, Mulligans are ten dollars, and hole sponsorships are \$100. Cash prizes were offered. Money raised will go to our Masonic Homes. — Todd Smith

Charlotte

Prince Hall District Deputy Grand Masters James Harrell and Dondhi Burrell of the Gaston and Mecklenburg Districts recently invited their AF & AM compatriots to a meeting about clandestine Masonry.

There are a number of unrecognized grand lodges operating in North Carolina. Over the years, they have cost regular lodges members they might have otherwise have gotten. This has had a larger effect on Prince Hall Grand Lodge than our Grand Lodge.

The January 31 meeting about irregular Masonry featured Antoine Lilly of A. S. Hunter 825 (PHA) in Durham. He is the director of the Phylaxis Society's Commission on Bogus Masonry. — Benjie Creasman

Steele Creek 737 is having their Annual Charity Car Show and Fish Fry on May 16. The fried flounder will be served from 11:00 in the morning until 7:00 that evening. The entry fee for the cars is \$25. They are awarding door prizes every 30 minutes and plaques for the best 25 cars.

Steele Creek Lodge was having their Winter Blood Drive January 11. It was their Sixth Annual Pints for Pounds drive. The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas was giving seven pounds of food to the Second Harvest Food Bank for every blood donation in the drive. — Bill Smith

West Gate 738 held their Ladies' Night January 31 at the Metroliner Shrine Club. Diners enjoyed a choice of ribeye steak or grilled chicken and a five-piece country band after supper. About 75 attended. At the dinner, Kenny Davis was named 2014 Mason of the Year.

West Gate was planning their Famous Fish Fry for March 20 — all you can eat, ten dollars. — News From the West

Excelsior 261 is adopting a practical new technology hoping to save the lodge money. They will be using WiFi controlled thermostats to make sure the heating and air conditioning settings are reasonable. Do you always remember to fix the settings on your thermostats when leaving the lodge? They don't either.

Excelsior is excited that they have four members learning lectures right now. — 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.



New look dugouts at Home

OXFORD — Members of Oxford 122 and other lodges in the 13th Masonic District, recently refurbished the dugouts on the ball diamonds on campus of the Masonic Home for Children. The work crew repaired the roof, cleaned, and painted the dugouts in the traditional Oxford Orphanage red. Kim Riggan painted the logos in suspenders to memorialize Brother Sholar Powell. — Kevin Otis

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original pine and refinished. The kitchen got a full remodel with a ceramic tile floor, new appliances, counter, and cabinets. There's a new storage room for the kitchen, and the bathrooms were remodelled and updated. Doors and fixtures were replaced.

The committee and members finagled and figured and got the full \$42,000 restoration done without debt thanks to the generosity of 74 members and friends of the lodge.

Last year, then Grand Master Dalton Mayo attended an open house Grimesland Lodge held to celebrate the great job they did on preserving their lodge's future by renewing its past. They invited the community to see their work.

As with many big projects, this one renewed the membership as well. In November, they held a fundraiser for our charities. It



was the lodge's first pancake supper.

After completion of the construction job, they took up a drive to add cushions to the theater seating in their lodge room. The cushions match the upholstery on the officer chairs. That project is now complete.

The lodge is now talking about creating a Third Degree Team in the lodge.



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er the remains of the chief justice and his family were moved to Oakwood Cemetery.

In addition to serving as chief justice of the new court, Taylor was extremely active in the Masonic Order. In 1793, at the age of 24, Taylor was elected senior grand warden. Quite an impressive beginning. He also took part in the ceremonies laying the cornerstone for the first building at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. In 1796 he was a member of both St. John's 3 in New Bern and the Phoenix 8 in Fayetteville.

In 1799 Taylor was elected deputy grand master. In 1802, at the age of 31, he was elected grand master of the North Carolina and served for three years. In 1814 he was again elected grand master and served an additional three years. It is interesting to note that in 1805, while Taylor was grand master, Chief Justice Judge John Hall was grand senior warden.

In 1793 when the Grand Lodge met in Fayetteville for a most important meeting, Taylor, at the age of 24, represented Phoenix 8 of Fayetteville. An interesting note is at this same meeting Taylor and James Glasgow, who was the deputy grand master, were appointed a committee to draw the order necessary for the Brethren to walk in procession on St. John's Day. On January 15, 1795, Taylor attended the opening of the new university at Chapel Hill and was reported as "the brilliant young Commoner from Fayetteville." In 1798, Taylor as grand warden assisted in laying the cornerstone of Old East on the University campus. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for a number of years. In 1801, Taylor officiated at the laying of the cornerstone for the New Lodge.

John Hall, the second member of the first court, was born in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. His mother was a member of the Stuart family who gave us Judge Archibald Stuart and Confederate General J. E. B. Stuart. He came from a wealthy family. He too studied at William and Mary, and after his legal training at the age of twenty-five, moved to Warrenton and began a most profitable legal practice. Hall served as senior grand warden from 1802 until 1805. In 1805 he was elected grand master and served until 1809. In 1810, he was elected grand marshal. He served for a number of years as master of Johnston-Caswell 11 in Warren County. He was associate member of the Court until 1832. He died in January 29, 1833, and is buried in Warrenton.

Leonard Henderson was the third member of the court. The Henderson family was replete with public servants. Judge Leonard Henderson was born in old Granville County in 1772. Henderson's father, Judge Richard Henderson, formed the Transylvania Company that hired Daniel Boone to explore the wilderness of Kentucky and Tennessee. In essence, he founded those two states. Judge Henderson had the intent to create the fourteenth colony.

Henderson read law with his step grandfather, Judge John Williams. Judge Williams was one of the first three judges in North Carolina after the revolution. Young Henderson established his practice in the village of Williamsboro. After the death of Judge Williams, Henderson established the Henderson Law School at Williamsboro and is considered the grandfather of law schools in North Carolina.

In 1805, Judge Leonard Henderson was elected Master of Hiram 24, which was in the village of Williamsboro, Granville County. In 1809, he was elected grand marshal of the North Carolina Grand Lodge, and, in 1810, he was grand pursuivant. He remained active until his death in 1833. His last words were, "I have passed through the portals and see nothing terrifying." He is

buried in family burial grounds located on Montpelier Plantation. Both the town of Henderson and Henderson County are named in his honor.

The court met for the first time in January of 1819, and it chose the first clerk and marshal. Both the first clerk and first marshal were members of the Masonic Order. In fact, the first three clerks of court were Masons.

These three judges who gave up lucrative legal careers to establish the Supreme Court of North Carolina also gave liberally of their time in the early days of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons to make sure the order was on sound footing here in North Carolina. Every citizen of our state owes to these men a great debt of gratitude for their contributions to the establishment of two great organizations which have existed for two hundred years.

These three men gave of their time and effort to assure two great institutions were built on a firm foundation. They gave charitably of their time. They had faith that the Great Architect of the Universe would light their path as they created a new court and legal system. They had hope their work would make North Carolina a better place to live. What more could be asked of any man?

Danny Moody is executive director of the NC Supreme Court Historical Society. This article appeared in the group's Society News and appears with permission.

You're invited

Luncheon

April 25

OXFORD — You are invited to attend a Masonic and Eastern Star gathering Saturday, April 25, from 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. here at the Masonic Home for Children. Luncheon will cost \$15.00.

The deadline for signing up is April 16. Send your check to: Jim Lassiter, 1624 Bellechasse Drive, Raleigh, NC 21615.

Attire is to be informal, but please: no jeans or Capri pants.

A traveling salesman's car breaks down...

A salesman's car breaks down on a remote country lane. A farmer in the adjacent field comes over, and they discover that they are both Masons. The salesman is concerned, as he has an important appointment in the local town.

"Don't worry," says the farmer, "you can use my car. I will call a friend and get your car repaired while you go to the appointment."

Off goes the salesman, and a couple of hours later he returns but; unfortunately, the car is awaiting a part that won't arrive until the next morning. "It's not a problem," says the farmer, "Use my telephone, and reschedule your first appointment tomorrow. Stay with us tonight, and I'll see that the car is done first thing."

The farmer's wife prepared a wonderful meal, and they shared a glass of fine wine during an excellent evening. The salesman sleeps soundly, and when he awakens, there is his car, repaired and ready to go. After a full breakfast, the salesman thanks them both for the hospitality.

As he and the farmer walk to his car he turns and says, "My Brother, thank you so much. But, I have to ask: did you help me so much because I am a Mason?"

"No," was the farmer's reply, "I helped you because I am a Mason." *From The Empire State Mason Magazine, Summer 2014.*

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torch because it ain't really BBQ if it ain't a little dangerous), a 400-pound cast iron tub (recently removed from a team member's home), some smoking wood, a cooler of snacks and other refreshments, a mini bike (just to break up the late night boredom), and a full complement of good attitudes. Our team set out from Wilkesboro for Raleigh in anticipation of some great Masonic fellowship.

After arriving and getting our little cooking area and sleeping hooch squared away, we set about making the rounds and visiting with several of our old friends from previous years. It's always a good time seeing what's new with the other teams and listening to their latest strategies for winning or debating what makes the best sauce and so on.



As day gave way to evening and twilight set upon us, the meat was passed out and you could hear cooks barking orders. Amongst a flurry activity, teams quickly fired up their various cooking apparatuses, and a low haze of smoke filled the air. Some teams applied rubs, some began a short marinating or brining process, a few just threw the meat straight into their pits, while others used secret potions injected directly into the meat all in preparation for a night of watching temperatures, putting out grease fires, visiting, and trying ever so hard not to doze off and burn anything or let a fire go out.

Somewhere around 1:00 A.M., the smoky haze takes on a sweeter smell and becomes a tad thicker as pig fat begins to drip onto hot surfaces, vaporizes, and envelopes the entire cooking area. You can almost see heaven open a little. You hear the angels sing, and POW, your head snaps up, your eyes open, and you immediately check your watch to see how long you have been sleeping, oh good only a couple of minutes now check that fire again.

The next thing you know it is false dawn, and you hear the tap-tap-tapping of steel on cutting boards as teams begin chopping all that wonderful barbecue and prepping it for when the gates open. It really is a glorious thing to hear, see, and smell so early in the morning.

Once everyone is ready, and even if they are not quite fully prepared, the gates open and a wave of humanity sweeps through like a tsunami, leaving nothing but bones and empty sauce bottles in its wake. Up and down the midway you can hear barkers for many of the teams talking up their 'cue and enticing patrons with promises of succulent, sweet, pork and chicken to be had simply for the asking.

A cry goes up from the Mentor Lodge booth each time they get a people's choice vote (they get a lot of those, and they deserve them). You should see the reactions to that cast iron tub with the remains of the pig carcass there on display. There are only two kinds of people when it comes to Bath Tub BBQ. First are the ones that stand well back and look perplexed. There are only a few of those, but they are worth noting. Next are the ones who rush up and start sticking their hands in the tub trying to get anything they can off the bones just to see what it tastes like because they know it has to be good, it's too crazy not to.

We really like that second group. They are so much fun.

Finally it's all gone.

The barbecue is gone. The customers are gone. All that's left to do is hand out awards, pack up, say goodbye, and go home.

And then it happens! The bathtub guys actually win the grand champion cup! Oh wait this is another one of those little nap dreams right? No, it isn't a dream! It really is happening! Wow, that's just all the tub guys can say, "WOW."

The Branch Water Bath Tub BBQ Team would just like to say thanks to Raleigh 500 for putting on a great event. We strongly encourage everyone to put together a team, come on out have some fun and put the best possible face on Masonry for the public.

David Wyatt is a member of Riverside 606.



Catawba Lodge entertained by foreign visitor

By Chris Wilboit

NEWTON — On November 25, Catawba 248 enjoyed a visit from Luis Rodriguez of L'Olivier 678 in Normandy, France. He was back to visit after being a foreign exchange student at Newton-Conover High School during the 1979-1980 school year.

The ex-student was ready to play teacher during his visit. He gave the lodge a presentation on French Masonry. He attended in full French lodge attire consisting of dark suit and tie, white gloves, and his past master's apron. He went over the signs, due guards, and movements around a French lodge. Seating in the lodge is orderly and in procession with designated seating according to degree.

Rodriguez explained that a trestleboard is drawn by the equivalent of our senior deacon in each degree. The work is most often read. He commented that our Grand Lodge is to be commended for having us memorize our work. Meetings are followed by a fine dinner, wine, and cigars outside of the lodge prepared by a restaurant. Dues are about \$300 annually.

In France, it takes a considerable amount of time to go through the three degrees. Each degree has "homework" that must be satisfactorily completed before a candidate may proceed to the next degree. They do not wear or display Masonic



symbols outside of the lodge.

After closing the meeting Rodriguez presented Catawba Lodge was copies of the French degrees. He pointed out the trestleboards of each degree as well as other interesting facets.

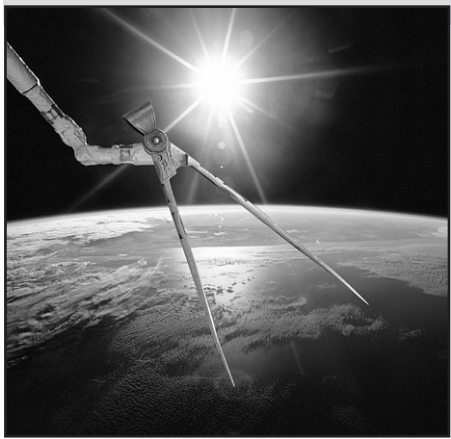
Chris Wilboit is a member of Catawba 248.



Masons respond to tragedy

KINSTON — Last spring, 15-month-old Noah Stroud lost his battle with cancer. St. John's 4, Pleasant Hill 304, Richard Caswell 705, Radiance 132, and Jerusalem 95 stepped up to help the distraught parents buy a marker for the tot's grave. With the help of fellow Mason Ward Sutton in Rocky Mount, they accomplished their mission. — Lynn Hill

ENCOMPASSING THE WORLD



By Ric Carter

Working tools of the Maori

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND — New Zealand Grand Master John Litton was recently presented the working tools of the Maori Master: the needle, the white cotton, the red cotton, and the black cotton. They bring to mind the words of the first Maori King, Potatau Te wherowheri at a gathering of dignitaries in 1860: "There is one eye of the needle through which must pass the white cotton, the red cotton, and the black cotton. Thread these cottons, and sew us together as one in faith, hope, and charity."

The black and white threads denote the different races, and the red cotton signifies the same red blood which flows through the veins of everyone irrespective of race. They were presented to Litton by the Maori Brethren Association with the charge that he "sew us together as one, not as Maori, not as Pakeha, but as New Zealanders, so that we may go forward in peace, love, and harmony the three virtues which are the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart." — *New Zealand Freemason*

Notes

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA — The Big Tent Event here on November 15 was to raise a large number of Master Masons as a class. In celebration of 130 years of Shrine Masonry, Big Tent also allowed the newly raised Masons to become a Shriner the same day.

— *The Minnesota Mason*

POLSON, MONTANA — The Grand Lodge of Montana raised their per capita to \$38.75 last year. (Ours is \$20.)

Montana lodges are required to hold a Holy Saints John Day observance each January. It must include a tyled table lodge and a luncheon or dinner.

— *Montana Freemason*

DOUSMAN, WISCONSIN — This year, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin will be considering aligning their grand lodge year with their blue lodge year. Their plan would have their lodge officers taking office in June to match the grand lodge installation schedule. North Carolina took the opposite approach a few years back when Grand Lodge installation was moved from April to November/December. The colder winter climate in Wisconsin is an argument for choosing the June date.

— *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal*

SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA — You gray-headed NASCAR fans will remember David Pearson. His 105 wins is second most ever. He won Grand National championships in 1966, 1968, and 1969. Pearson just received a Forty-Year Life Membership Award from Whitney 264 here.

— *Masonic Light*

Illinois Masons hold academic contest

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS — The lodges of Illinois sponsored an academic contest for state high schools last year. The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl was held at 30 sites around the state in 2014. In the 31st year of the event, 313 schools participated.

More than 275 lodges provided financial support for the contest to the tune of more than \$42,000. Sectional and state top four finishers got cash awards for their schools. Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy won the Class AA championship, and Newman Central Catholic High School won the Class A title. They are adding a third division this year. Divisions are based on school enrollment size.

— *Illinois Freemasonry*

Lodge volunteers as emergency center

FLORENCE, OREGON — Florence 107 has volunteered their lodge as an emergency warming center. When weather requires, emergency shelters open to give shelter to the homeless. The lodge provides the facility, the shelter organization supplies volunteers, cots, blankets, and pillows to equip and man the facility.

Lodge Master Hunt Ramsey said, "It went very well, the guests were helpful and respectful and very grateful. The committee and volunteers did a wonderful job." They even created a call list of their own in case extra volunteers are needed.

— *Oregon Masonic News*

Secrecy, the old way

Ever the teacher, Ralph Herbold [late secretary of the Southern California Research Lodge] gives insight into to a cause of the Freemasonry's troubles created by Masonic "secrecy."

"In explaining to a young lady why her grandfather told her he 'couldn't tell [her] anything' about Masonry," I said. "Your grandfather went through certain ceremonies to become a Mason. To cement those lessons in his mind, he learned a catechism. In the process, he was told never to reveal any of the secrets of Freemasonry. But, in most instances, he was never told what the secrets were, so assumed that everything he learned was a secret. He was told about his duties to God, his country, his neighbor, and himself. He was told about the four cardinal virtues: temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice, first enumerated by Plato, so how could that be a secret. I could go on and on. Your grandfather was done an injustice by not getting a proper explanation which, sad to say, is rarely given even today." — *Fraternal Review*

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Conover

It was a big money year at Conover 709. They raised \$4,000 for Masonic charities. They also had to install a new roof on the lodge to the tune of \$8,000. — *Conover Lodge Newsletter*

Jacksonville

Semper Fidelis 680 was doing their roadside cleanup March 21. Participants will have breakfast together before they head out.

The lodge is having an open house April 29. — *Trestle Board*

Candler

The 39th Masonic District was having a Chili Cookoff and Silent Auction March 14. It was to be held at Hominy 491. Proceeds will be used to help the local hospice program.

— Terry Gevedon

Hominy 491 helped out our three Masonic charities, the Homes and Foundation, last year. They also gave a scholarship, built handicap access ramps for two local families, helped needy members with cash, and contributed to the Backpack Program of Buncombe County.

— *Hominy Lodge*

Kenly

Kenly 257 was having a Barbecue Chicken Scholarship Fundraiser March 29. They are hoping to award two \$1,000 scholarships to local kids this year.

— Thomas Jackson

Clayton

Granite 191 was having a Father and Daughter Dance at the Clayton Center January 31. Tickets for the fundraiser were \$40 each.

— W. C. Barrett

Hillsborough

Steve Barrel was running a Masonic education for members of Mosaic 762 February 25 at his office in Durham. He was covering basic public speaking techniques including use of breath, voice, and clarity. They were also talking about how to use printed text in presentations.

— Keith Morgan

Lewisville

West Bend 434's barbecue team was named Grand Champion for the second consecutive year at the Masonic Home for Children's Homecoming barbecue contest. Under dual member Pit Master David Gill, they took first in pork, second in chicken, fourth in ribs, and first overall.

— *By the Square*

Midland

Union 618 recently named David "Skeeter" Warwick a Tyler of Distinction. They gave him a plaque denoting the honor.

— *Newsletter*

Clemmons

Enterprise 752's 40th anniversary falls exactly on the day of their April stated meeting. They got their charter April 13, 1975.

— Joseph Gibson

Eden

Leaksville 136 last year helped a local charity feed needy neighbors. In November, they donated \$2,183 to Lord's Pantry, enough to help stock the pantry for three months. Lodge member Andrew Collins is executive director of the Pantry.

— Carl Robertson

Catawba

Riverside 606 was to hold their annual Ham Day March 14. The lodge was serving country ham breakfast, lunch, and supper with all the trimmings from 6:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. to help charities. Benefitting were the Home for Children, WhiteStone, the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, and local Boy Scouts.

— Wyatt David

Kannapolis

Allen-Graham 695 was hosting a blood drive February 9. They were doing this drive in honor of Rick Mullinax and Larry Brewer.

— *Trestle Board*

Burgaw

King Solomon 138 combined their Past Masters' Banquet and officer installation this year.

— Danny Buck

Kenansville

St. John's 13 is installing an elevator in the lodge.

— *Lodge Log*

Carthage

Carthage 181 fundraisers last year brought in more than \$1,800 for charity. Their last of the year was a drawing for a Food Lion gift card.

— *Quarterly Trestle Board*

Gibsonville

Tabasco 271 has their spring barbecue fundraiser set for April. They'll hold their family picnic in May.

— Jeffrey Scott

Wilson

Mount Lebanon 117 has appointed a Sunshine Committee to keep up with lodge widows. They are to contact and visit all the ladies.

Helping and entertaining the kids

MORGAN'S CORNER — The First Masonic District's Pulla-Pull-Ooza was held on September 20. Five hours of truck pull competition was followed by an outdoor concert by Joe Diffie. Proceeds of the big event went to the Masonic Home for Children. A group from Gray's Cottage at the Home attended and overnights in Elizabeth City. They were put up by Masons of the First District and treated to lunch after attending First Christian Church the next morning.

Grand Lodge officers Doug Caudle and Bryant Webster also attended this event.

— Kevin Otis



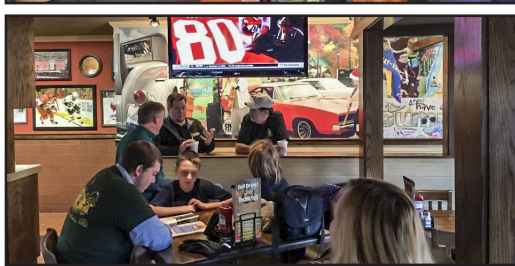


Wake Masons thank first responders

RALEIGH — More than 25 lodges, both AF & AM and Prince Hall Affiliation, volunteered in the Wake County First Responders Appreciation Breakfast on November 22. Dozens of volunteers manned the eight Applebee's restaurants in Wake county to sell seven-dollar pancake breakfasts to the public. First responders ate for free.

Wake County has more than 2,000 first responders including law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel. James B. Green 735 organized the multi-district project to show their appreciation of the "dedication, bravery, and commitment to the community" of these men and women.

They raised more than \$1,000 with the event. The lodges donated the proceeds to the 200 Club of Wake County, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting the family members of fallen first responders in Wake County. — Don Steichen



Cannon Memorial holds charity breakfast

KANNAPOLIS — Cannon Memorial 626 held their Charity Breakfast January 31. It was a pig's nightmare as they served sausage, ham, and bacon with the eggs, grits, rice, and biscuits. Our Masonic charities were the beneficiaries of the fundraiser. — Cannon Memorial Lodge



Clemmons maintains giving ways

CLEMMONS — September 17, 2014 was the date of Clemmons 755's 12th Charity Golf Tournament. WhiteStone Administrator Mark Kolada is seen here accepting a check from the lodge on behalf of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Foundation which helps members of the Masonic family live at WhiteStone. This year's check from Clemmons Lodge to each Home was \$5,300. Over the 12 years of the fundraiser \$125,000 has been raised for the Masonic Homes. — Bruce Ayers

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- The Masonic Home for Children
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To assure that your gift is properly credited to the fund of your choice, please make the check payable to that charity.

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

The longest proven record of Masonic membership in the U.S. is as follows: John Jasper Ray, who was born on September 2, 1845 in Orange County, NC, was made a Mason in Gravel Hill Lodge 232 in Tennessee March 7, 1868; affiliated with Dublin Lodge 504 (Texas). He died in Dublin on May 7, 1952. Thus he was a Master Mason for 84 years and 62 days!

Facts for Freemasons compiled by Harold V. B. Voorhis.

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| 8..... Klebe, Thomas Neal | 207.....Gerald, Alan William | 386.....Brown, Michael Tracey | 565.....Griffin, Benjamin Ryan | 695.....Ross, David Scott |
| 8..... Peebles, Joshua Kent | 207.....Ward, Rohn Alan | 387.....Warren, Taylor Aaron | 568.....Waligora, Scott Allan | 698.....Gray, Kenneth Seth |
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| 8..... Jackson, Stephen Craig DeAngel | 217... Marshall Sr, David Edward William | 397.....Penland, Joseph Paul | 584.....Crick, John Bainbridge | 699.....Regan, Brian Keith |
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| 32.....Tatum, Jeremy Adam | 218.....Peters, Nicholas Charles | 409.....Snyder, Phillip Lee | 609.....McNabb, William Rowland | 702.....Russell, Scott Edward |
| 45.....Cecile, Jason Quinn | 231.....Flippo, Geoffery Robert | 409.....Spence, Brian Peter | 616.....Amburn, Chad Duane | 704.....Cruikshanks II, Luther H. |
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Roberson hits triple digits

GREENSBORO — Members of Holly Springs 115 “adopted” WhiteStone resident Ethel Roberson some while back. On February 20, several members of the lodge visited the Home to join in the celebration of Roberson’s 100th birthday. WhiteStone had a party for her attended by residents, her family, and friends. She received 100 red roses from her family and had two birthday cakes. Holly Springs Lodge brought her a gift basket, cards, money, and lots of hugs. Ethel has lived at WhiteStone for 23 years. Even though she is proud of this milestone, she says she is 99 years old and holding. — Gina Prevost

From the Medical Committee

Cell phones and cancer risk

By J. Ralph Linn Jr.

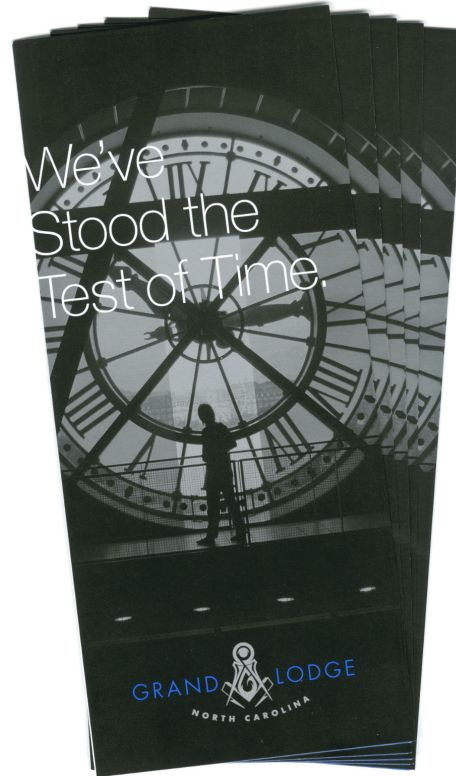
Cell phones and cordless mobile phones are ubiquitous. The benefits of instant communication are obvious. Unfortunately, long-term use may pose a serious danger.

Several nonconfirmatory studies evaluated whether radiation emitted by these phones is harmful. However, a recent Swedish study indicated that the risk for malignant glioma, the most common brain tumor, is tripled by electro-

magnetic radiation from cell and mobile phones. It occurs most often on the side of the brain where the phone is held.

Precautions recommended are hands-free phones with “loud speaker” and phone texting, since radiation absorption lessens markedly with the phone’s distance away from the head.

J. Ralph Linn Jr., MD, PhD is a member of Phalanx 31.



Promoting Masonry

RALEIGH — The Grand Lodge has a first-class pamphlet to help you introduce Freemasonry to friends and neighbors. The 8 1/2 by 11-inch trifold color brochure provides an impressive first impression to anyone who asks for information about our fraternity. It’s laid out to let you address, stamp, and drop it right in a mailbox.

It is made of a high quality, heavy stock paper to make sure that first impression is a good one. The inscription, “We’ve Stood the Test of Time,” sets up a short synopsis of what we are. It then goes on to answer basic questions about Masonry including how to go about joining a lodge. You will see a new Grand Lodge logo we will be using on some publications.

Too assure the continued availability of the Time pamphlet, the Grand Lodge will be selling them to lodges. The price is to cover the next printing of the brochure. They are sold in lots of 100 for \$35. You may order them from the Grand Lodge office.



Granville patrol

WAKE FOREST — Back in November, Granville 380 patrolled its part of John Mitchell Road for North Carolina’s Adopt a Highway Program, making it a little easier on the eyes by removing trash along the roadside. Making a difference, leaving a positive wake. — Dean Mooney



Toy Drop

ASHEBORO — The 17th Annual Randy Older Memorial Operation Toy Drop at Ft. Bragg collects toys for needy children. This year, they dropped off presents at Asheboro 699 for our kids at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. — Waylon Y. Cox

MILEPOSTS



ZEBULON — Charles Narron, center, was presented his 50-year Veterans Emblem on January 19. The Archer 165 member is seen here with Junior Deacon Max Eatman, left, and Master Gregg Wall. — James Blanks



BURGAW — Whrens Casey Williams, left, received his Veteran’s Emblem for his 50 years as a Mason last year. He is seen here getting the certificate from Danny Raynor. Williams’ wife Judy was there to put the 50-year pin on his lapel. — Whrens Williams



GIBSONVILLE — Tabasco 271’s Thomas Childrey got his Veteran’s Emblem last year. He is seen here receiving the 50-year membership honor from then lodge Master A. J. Inman. — Tabasco Lodge



MOUNT HOLLY — On February 16, Mount Holly 544 celebrated the 50th anniversary of Ed Cauthen serving as master of the lodge. He is seen here, right, with Master Winfield Cannon. Past Grand Master Rick Moore got his 50-year Shrine award the same night. — Dewayne Gore



GIBSONVILLE — Charles Bivens, left, got his Veteran’s Emblem last year. The Tabasco 271 member is seen here getting the 50-year award from Jerry Young. — Tabasco Lodge



ROBBINS — Jack, left, and Frank Kennedy are a lodge rarity — twin 50-year Masons. The Elise 555 brothers were born December 12, 1930 in High Falls, NC. Frank passed away earlier this year. — Ray Vaughn



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Pig Jig is just around the corner

The Tenth Annual Masonic Carolina Pig Jig Barbecue is coming up Saturday, May 16. As in the past, it will be held in conjunction with the Got to Be NC Festival at the North Carolina State Fair Grounds.

If you're just looking to sample dozens of different barbecue recipes, serving will be from May 16 from 11:00 a.m. until the barbecue is gone. Tickets are \$15 for 12 years old and up, kids seven to eleven eat for five dollars, and under seven years free. Adult tickets are available online at <http://carolinapigjig.com>. You may also order by mail at Carolina Pig Jig, c/o Jared Markham, 507 East Eleventh Street Apt E, Greenville, NC 27858.

But, the real fun is to have your own Masonic team in the cook-off. The deadline for entry is May 1. The Pig Jig is a closed competition with only Masonic organizations allowed. Fill out the application completely and send it in with entry fees. Applications are to be found at <Carolinapigjig.com>. Win those bragging rights and a trophy from the largest Masonic cooking completion in the nation. The Masonic Homes will get this year's earnings.

This is a rain or shine event!

One champ team's tale

By David Wyatt

RALEIGH — This is one lodge's story from the Carolina Pig Jig.

Members of Riverside 606 and Mt. Pleasant 573 combined their efforts and manpower to form the Branch Water Bath Tub BBQ team in order to attend the North Carolina Masonic Pig Jig last year.

This is their story. The names have been changed to protect the guilty.

We were equipped with only the bare essentials; a small, backyard smoker grill, a million BTU torch (everybody needs a big

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Ric Carter photo

Embers with Craig Woolard will headline Homecoming

OXFORD — The Masonic Home for Children is proud to announce the Embers featuring Craig Woolard, a beach music and R & B fan favorite will be the Saturday's entertainment at this year's Masonic Homecoming.

Be a part of this growing Masonic celebration visiting the Masonic Home for Children and supporting its future. Come with your family, take part in the barbecue contest with your

cooking team, and enjoy a day celebrating North Carolina's first Home for Children. Join alumni and Masons from around the country as we again recognize the history of this wonderful institution which continues to support children in need. Make plans with your lodge and family to join us in October 9-11, 2015! Look for more information and updates throughout the year at <www.mhc-oxford.org/john.html>.

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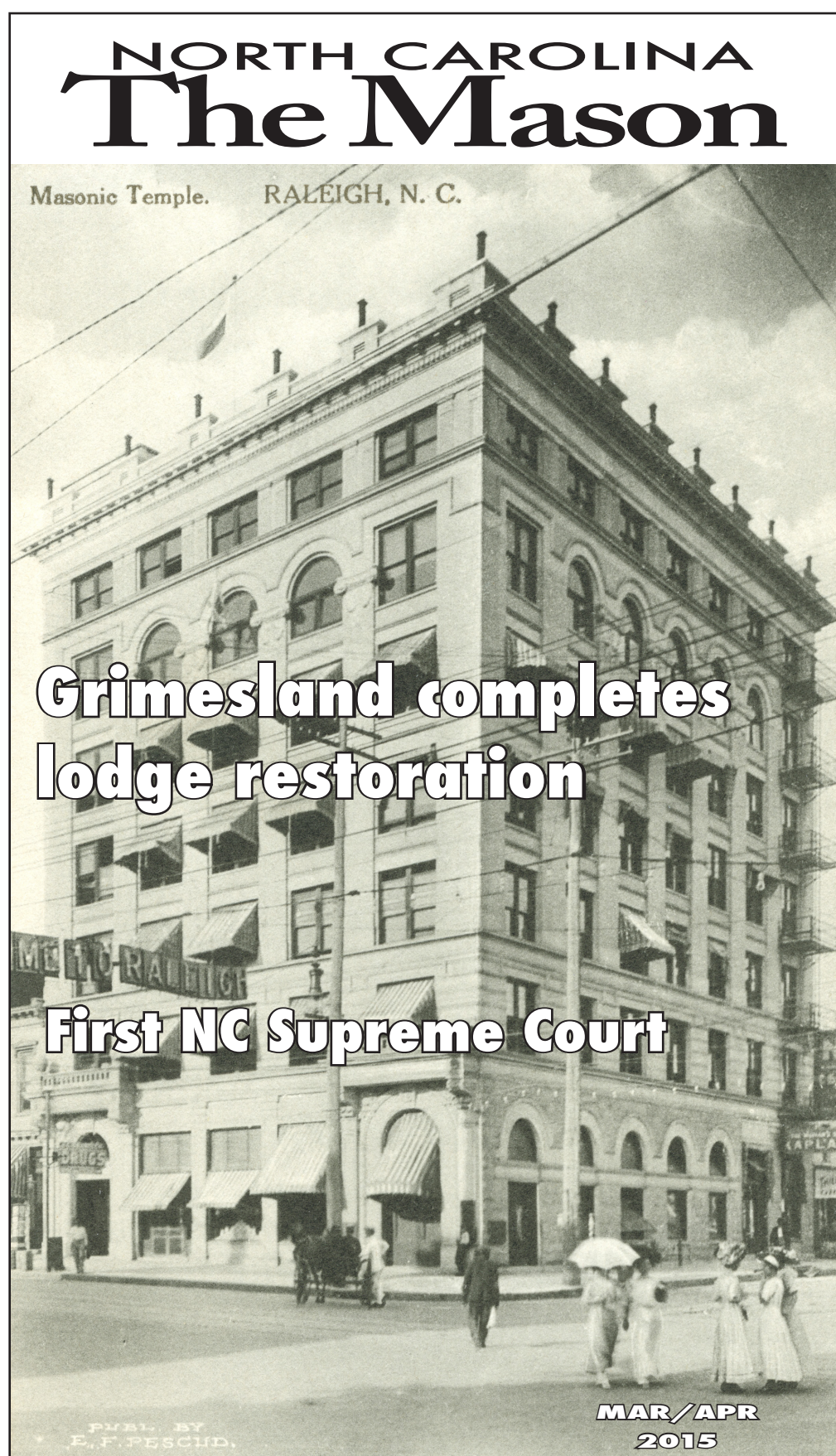
Pig Jig entry details and stories are here.

On the cover

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina's second home was built in downtown Raleigh in 1907. This penny postcard shows a time when parking was easier to find.

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