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## Grand Lodge installs 2016 leaders

### Bryant Webster is 163<sup>rd</sup> grand master

*By Ric Carter*

ASHEVILLE — In a ceremony here at the Masonic Temple on Saturday, December 5, Bryant Deleron Webster became the 163<sup>rd</sup> man to serve as grand master, the leader of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

Webster was appointed to the Grand Lodge line by Grand Master-elect Dan Rice. He was installed as grand steward in November 2008. Rice served as installing officer for Webster's installation as grand master. Past Grand Master Gene T. Jernigan was installing marshal, Past Grand Master William B. Brunk was assistant installing marshal, Past Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo was installing chaplain, and Past Grand Master Norburn C. Hyatt was installing secretary.

Past Grand Master Berry Rigdon put the grand master's apron on Webster and Past Grand Master Brunk placed the jewel around the new grand master's neck.

Music for the occasion was from Ron Lambe on cello. The presentation of colors was performed by the Buncombe County Firefighters Honor Guard. Webster's daughter Amy led the spectators in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dennis E. Wilkie gave Webster a handmade gavel. Jerry Parker recited a Bible presentation lecture for the crowd at the end of the program. A reception followed in the dining hall of the Temple. Refreshments and music by the Red Wellies entertained the crowd.

The Grand Lodge officers installed were Grand Master Bryant Deleron Webster (Nichols-West Asheville 650), Deputy Grand Master A. Gene Cobb Jr. (Royal White Hart 2), Senior Grand Warden Jimmie B. Hicks Jr. (St. John's 3), Junior Grand Warden Speed Hallman (Eagle 19), Grand Treasurer Lewis R. Ledford, PGM (Statesville 27), Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III (Mystic Tie 237), Senior Grand Deacon Dwight McLaughlin "Mack" Sigmon (Catawba 248), Junior Grand Deacon P. Shaun Bradshaw (Stokesdale 428), Grand Marshal R. David Wicker Jr. (Oxford 122), Grand Stewards Larry B. Thompson (Blackmer 127) and Kevan Delaney Frazier (Mount Hermon 118), Grand Tyler Deleron Lafayette Webster Jr. (Knap of Reeds 158), Grand Lecturer John Marvin Burchfield (Black Mountain 663), and Grand Chaplain Henry Collins Hilliard Jr. (Black Mountain 663). Appointive officers who are not installed included Grand Historian Steven Anthony Campbell (Blackmer 127), Grand Orator David Bryan Sentelle (Excelsior 261), and Judge Ad-



Grand Master Webster takes the oath of his office.



The view from the balcony at Asheville Masonic Temple.

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# Home for Children celebrates Homecoming

By Chris Richardson

OXFORD — The threat of rain caused some unease as the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford prepared for its Fifth Annual Masonic Homecoming Festival celebration. Homecoming is when the Home welcomes back alumni, Masons, friends, and family from throughout the state and country. The fall tradition of fellowship and reminiscence celebrated its fifth year of the current format of bringing together alumni and Masons to celebrate their relationships with the Home that has served more than 10,000 children. An estimated 2,500 attended.

Happily, though threatening clouds skirted the campus while drenching neighboring communities, the showers steered clear of the campus and parade route.

The weekend brought many bright spots in events, activities, and moments happening throughout the weekend and around the campus. It represented the work of hundreds of volunteers who gave their time, travel, and commitment through the year.

A beautiful Friday morning welcomed golfers from around the country for the annual Chip Shots for Children Alumni Charity Golf Tournament, the



The North Carolina Shrine puts together its biggest show of the year at Homecoming.

“official” first event of the weekend. Alumna Chairperson Terry Gilliland and alumnus sponsor Charlie Burton along with their alumni volunteers hosted more than 20 teams and generated more than \$60,000 for the Alumni’s Endowment Fund.

Back on campus, cooks from around the country began setting up, preparing their sites, and warming their grills

to compete to be the best in barbecue at the Fifth Annual Masonic Homecoming Barbecue Cookoff. A record 19 teams committed their time to participate. Cooking all night, these teams not only contended for trophies and bragging rights, but provided the delicious meal serving more than 2,000 guests during Saturday’s celebration.

The Friday night yard party is quickly becoming the event before the event. It furnishes a relaxing and satisfying evening

under the oaks. With music, fellowship, and delicious stew courtesy of Salisbury’s Andrew Jackson 576. A large crowd enjoyed a beautiful fall evening.

At the same time, across campus at the Cobb Center at Dunn Cottage, the Home’s museum and archives were honoring the Cobb Foundation’s support and the vision of alumnus Bill Cobb who initiated the project in 2005. Former Home Administrator Allen Hughes spoke on the Center’s impact and influence over the past ten years.

On Saturday morning, with the assistance of the City of Oxford Police Department and the Granville County Sheriff’s Department, the Home hosted North Carolina’s biggest and best Shrine parade. With area and Shrine marching bands, local dignitaries, civic organizations, and our grand line officers and Order of Eastern Star grand officers in tow, Oxford native Parade Marshal Jeff Gravley of WRAL TV-5, lead the parade with his mom Pat Gravley and sister Angie Thornton. There followed tiny cars, and troupes of clowns, and stunt drivers, motorcycles, mini-trucks, and much, much more.

Following the parade, guests gathered around campus to begin traditional Homecoming activities. The fun in-



Friends watch the parade.

cluded tours of cottages, inflatable fun for the kids from Ragland Productions, visits to the Museum and Archives, and cottage booths with desserts and games. As a homecoming queen was crowned and lunch wound down, the crowd settled in for the headline entertainment. The Embers featuring Craig Woolard



Joey Transou prepares for the contest.

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Craig Woolard delivers for the Embers.

kept the beach fans smiling and swaying and dancing under the oaks.

A couple of hours later, as the final notes of the band echoed on campus and a cool breeze started to grow, Saturday's outdoor activities concluded, and streams of traffic exited as quickly as they had arrived in morning.

Evening Homecoming activities continued with the Annual Roast, this year honoring Oxford Orphanage Alumnus and former Masonic and Eastern Star Home Administrator Tommy Jones, in the Home's cafeteria. Sunday brought the annual alumni church service and business meeting of the Oxford Orphanage/Masonic Home for Children Alumni Asso-

ciation. The weekend's final event, the Sunday Lunch Under the Oaks, hosted alumni and their families as well as the current family of residents at the Masonic Home for Children.

With the Fifth Annual Homecoming Festival a wonderful memory, we thank all those in our fraternity, our Shrine temples, and our Masonic family of volunteers who made this weekend possible. We turn our thoughts and planning to next year's event, October 7-9, 2016, and what memories will be made then.

We'll see you there!

*Chris Richardson is director of Financial Development/Marketing for the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford.*



Fleets of little cars assembled in Oxford for Homecoming Parade.



Steve Bowman performs on calliope.



Lots of bands paraded.



Homecoming makes for a dancing good time.

*Ric Carter photos*



Interaction between kids and parades are fun.

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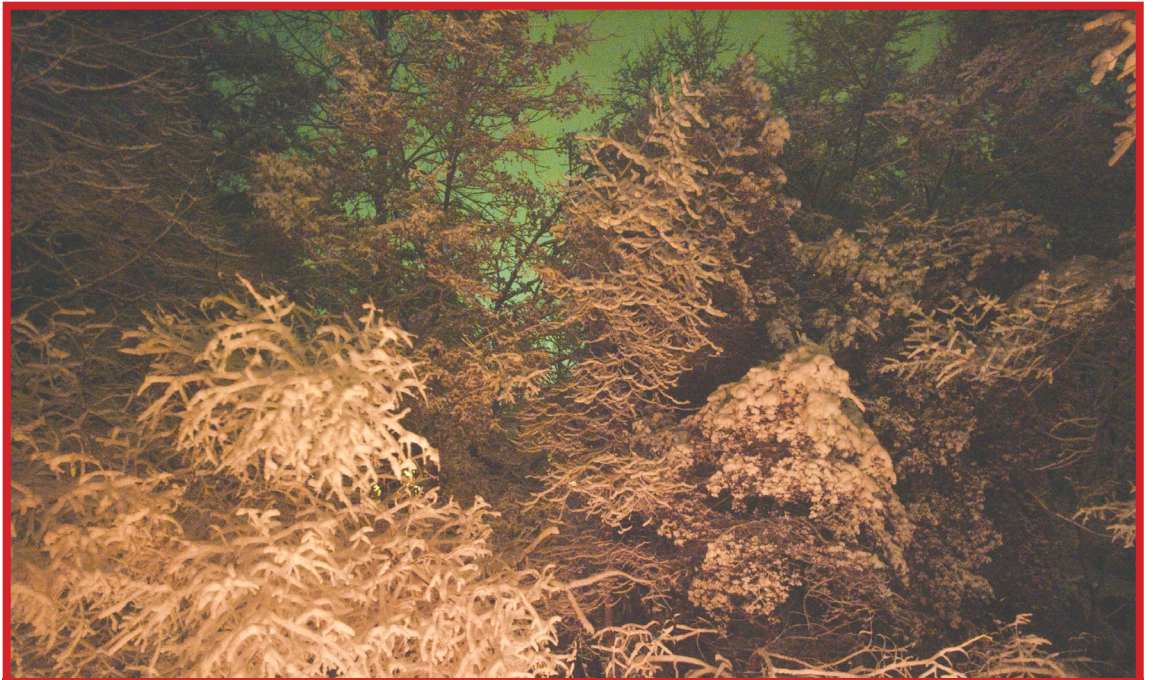
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## Happy Holidays!

*This time of year, temperatures fall. Days grow shorter and dimmer as the night's darkness grows longer and deeper. The sun sinks nearer the horizon, and green plants die. During this season, mankind has, since before history was written, huddled together with loved ones, there to cling to one another and all that was truly important to them. It has ever been a time of fear and celebration — fearing that loss and death will overtake us — celebrating that we yet survive and have each other.*

*In this season, people of most faiths mark the changes with stories, and rituals, and beliefs, and creeds that have them cling to the ones they love. They celebrate that love. They rejoice that they have survived. They hope that the day will again grow long, that the sun will once more rise to the top of the sky, and that flowers will again bloom.*

*Remember that people of all faiths, races, ethnic groups, and nationalities share the same hopes for their families. We wish all these things for you and your loved ones during this highest of holiday seasons.*

## BUILDING A STRONGER FOUNDATION



# A small act of charity will go a long way

By Bryant D. Webster  
Grand Master

“A small act of charity will go a long way.”

Thus read the fortune in my fortune cookie today. That simple truth is exemplified by the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Incorporated. First formed on January 16, 1929, the Foundation exists for the sole support of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and WhiteStone: a Masonic and Eastern Star Community. It does this in numerous ways: It collects tax-deductible donations and invests them, then pays the interest over to our charities, one-half each. It provides investment services to our charities, to help preserve and grow funds held by those charities, in ways not possible through fee-paid investment houses.

Our Foundation provides credit facilities, assisting our charities with access to funds for building and development, when bank financing is too costly or unavailable; and in thus doing, keeps the interest paid in the family. It provided emergency grants to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home (now WhiteStone: a Masonic and Eastern Star Community), when needed to prevent the Department of Insurance from sanctioning or controlling our Home. It provided the facilities and expertise to create the Masonic & Eastern Star Home Foundation, LLC, to allow a return to charitable admissions at WhiteStone: a Masonic and Eastern Star Community.

But wait, there's more: the Foundation now allows lodges and other Masonic entities to access their investment facilities, again benefitting lodges, avoiding outside fees, and keeping the money in the family. They make strategic purchases of property to protect our charities and our Grand Lodge from outside forces. They aid in fundraising and development.

This wonderful resource, our silent partner in charitable work, has been governed by a five-member board of directors. Each director is nominated by the incoming grand master for a five-year term. I am pleased to have nominated Past Grand Master Leonard Safrit, current chair of the Board of Directors, for another term. His excellent service to our fraternity in this role has helped beyond words. The Board is assisted by an able set of professional financial advisers who handle the

trading and investments.

Our silent partner must become stronger. It must continue to develop its fund-raising, both for our stand-alone charities and for itself. It must become more entrepreneurial – providing services of value to the Craft and generating charitable revenue in the process. It must grow in financial size, in order to assist our charities into the future. My theme for the year “Building a Stronger Foundation,” speaks directly to this need. We took the first steps toward this at our Annual Communication in September 2015, approving *Code* amendments which will allow the Foundation to expand its Board to seven members if and when its Board determines that is necessary and advisable. If they so choose, I have identified capable Masons who can join the Board and further the mission. We are contemplating other strategies which will strengthen the Foundation and our charities, and lead to increased support for them.

Our stand-alone charities, MHCO and WhiteStone: a Masonic and Eastern Star Community, still need your support. We must do more. “Faith ends in sight, hope ends in fruition, but charity extends beyond the grave.” As each of us contemplates our call to “that undiscovered country” we must continue our charity from the grave. That statement from our ritual is only true if we make it so.

You can leave a legacy gift to our charities – directly, or through the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, which will carry on the good work forever. This can be done without injury to yourself or family. There are many charitable giving tools that can benefit the charity and your family. A small percentage gift in your will costs almost nothing to create, and could have a huge impact. Further, ten percent of residuary in your will is unlikely to be missed by your family, but could make all the difference for one of our children or one of our seniors. We have persons at all of our charities who can answer your questions about giving opportunities which take effect now and in the future. Information about contact numbers is in this *North Carolina Mason*, and on the websites of our charities.

“A small act of charity will go a long way.” I am certain that our forefathers in the winter of 1929 could not have forecasted the economic and societal changes that would occur during the existence of their new Foundation. They would be astounded at

the impact their small act of charity has had, two generations and more since their act. Each of us has the opportunity to have similar far-reaching impact by making gifts out of our largess when we transition to that Celestial Lodge above.

“Building a Stronger Foundation” goes further. Each of us, as Masons, has profound duties to ourselves and to our families and our communities. We must ensure that when we transition to the Celestial Lodge above, our affairs are situated in a way that our families are protected and the resources of our communities and our courts are not expended resolving matters we could have and should have handled while we were living.

During this year, I will do my best to provide you with information about tools available to you: durable general powers of attorney, health care powers of attorney, wills, and trusts. These documents can be prepared by attorneys local to you, and can ensure that your family is on a firm foundation when you are no longer there to provide for them. Failing to plan is planning to fail. As Masons, we have a duty not to fail our families in this regard. Reach out to your lodge secretary, and inquire whether there is an attorney in your lodge or a nearby lodge who can assist you. Lodge secretaries, please redouble your efforts to put occupation information in MORI, so that we can identify professionals who can assist our Brethren.

Brethren, it is high time that we take seriously the admonition to “improve ourselves in Masonry!” That does not happen automatically, or just by sitting in lodge. It occurs when we seriously examine ourselves, take stock of where we are, and develop plans to take steps that move us toward an improved reality. I humbly suggest that contemplating the fact that each of us will die, and getting our affairs in order, for the benefit of our families and our charities and communities, is a foundational step toward self-improvement. I and other attorneys and professionals in the Craft stand at the ready to assist you, but you must take up your own working tools and do your own work.

“Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all. Recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful.” “A small act of charity will go a long way.” How far will it go? What will your act of charity be?

# MILEPOSTS



**PIKEVILLE** — Harmony 340 recently presented Hugh Pate, right, his Diamond Jubilee for his 60 years in Masonry. Lodge Master Jeff Brogneaux, left, made the presentation. — Doug Lancaster



**DURHAM** — Wilton B. Wheeley, left, of Fellowship 687, recently received the Diamond Jubilee honoring his 60 years as a Mason. Lodge Master James E. Coffield Jr., right, made the presentation. — Michael Adcock



**PIKEVILLE** — Harmony 340's Elliott Futrell, right, recently received his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years in the lodge. In addition to being a past master of the lodge, Futrell also served ten years as lodge secretary. He is seen here getting the award from Harmony Lodge Master Jeff Brogneaux. — Doug Lancaster



**WINDSOR** — J. Britt Smithwick, seated, was recently presented a special 70-year award by his friends from Charity 5. Seen here during a visit to Smithwick's home are, from left, Master Billy McKeel, Larry Williams, Frankie Lee, Secretary Carroll Britt, and Treasurer Charles Evans. — Miles Davis

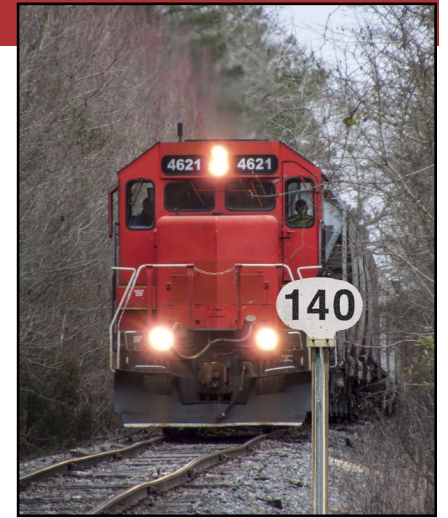


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**ROBBINSVILLE** — When Dillard Posey Hyde turned 98, he decided he could no longer contribute to his lodge and requested a demit. Robbinstonville 672 members "felt his past contribution and dedication to the lodge along with [his] being [their] oldest living member warranted something" more. The something more was electing him to Life Membership. Seen here, Lodge Master Greg Grindstaff surprised Hyde with his dues card and certificate. — Jim Hyde



**SWANSBORO** — On August 10, Seaside 429 has named William N. Thacker, right, their Mason of the Year. David C. Holland Jr., left, made the presentation. That award is named for Holland in honor of his years of service to Masonry. — Greg D. Padgett



**BONLEE** — At their June 16 meeting, Mt. Vernon 143 presented an award to a very special member — Charlie Gilchrist. He was given his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years as a member of the lodge. They also gave him a miniature sword to honor his service as tiler of the lodge. Gilchrist, left, was the first person to receive all three degrees in the lodge's present home above the Bonlee Fire Department. He is seen here with Mt. Vernon Senior Deacon Tim Willett. — Kim Beal



**DEEP RUN** — Pleasant Hill 304 has made Past Grand Master Dalton Mayo an honorary member. He is seen here, left, receiving the honor from Raymond Turner. — Rick Stroud

## The Grand Historian's Courier Case Historian: "...a student or writer of history"

By Steven Campbell

What we do echoes through the ages. For three centuries, Masonic history has been ongoing in North America. The foundation of Masonry in North Carolina is a strong one. We have not the strength in numbers as in days past. We are not quite what we once were, yet we are strong in will and will not yield to the detractors presented us. We must endeavor to keep the flame of Freemasonry aglow to light the way for those who follow us...

### Have story, will travel

Following is a list of presentations being offered by Grand Historian Steven Campbell. Each presentation is 30-50 minutes and may be complemented with a film clip. For scheduling, contact Campbell at (910) 439-4994 or <campmckay1358@gmail.com>.

• **Washington at War** — At 21 his military career began as a British Colonial officer. In 20 years, George Washington would lead our new nation to victory, establishing the independence of the United States.

• **GMW: An Enduring Union ~ George & Martha Washington** — In 1759, a 40 year marriage between

two British subjects would begin and they would usher in the birth of our Nation.

• **Delivery Upon the Delaware** — Follow George Washington as he leads the fledgling US Army across the Delaware River into the battle which would save our revolution.

• **A Mason's Martha** — Whilst much is known of our first president, far too little is recalled of our nation's first first lady. Learn more of her life as Washington's wife and confidant.

• **Memories of Montgomery** — A brief report on one of America's first generals and the namesake of Montgomery County, NC.

• **A Field in Belgium** — For nearly two decades the Napoleonic Wars raged across Europe. Escaping imprisonment in 1815, Napoleon's 100-day reign would end upon the field of Waterloo.

• **A Mission in Texas** — The time is 1836 — the place is Texas. "Remember the Alamo" and the men in this nation-building 19th century conflict.

• **Delivering and Receiving the Charge** — Gettysburg — After a dynamic 1863 victory at Chancellors-

ville, VA, R. E. Lee advanced into Pennsylvania. At a small crossroads town, the fate of both the Union and the Confederacy hung in the balance.

• **The Roughest Rider** — Born into wealth, a sickly Theodore Roosevelt lived life to its fullest, becoming a hunter, cowboy, and US marshal. As former assistant secretary of the US Navy, he helped raise the "Rough Riders."

• **Beyond the Big Stick** — Returning home from war in Cuba, Col. Roosevelt was elected governor of NY, vice-president, and, at the age of 42, the youngest man ever to become president. Learn more of his impact on the world.

• **Life & Times of William F. Cody ~ "Buffalo Bill"** — William Frederick Cody's feats as a scout, hunter, and showman enamored the nation and the world.

• **The Human Factor & How Human Nature Impacts History** — Witness how life altering experiences impact each of us through the examples presented in the lives of several well-known Americans.

*Grand Historian Steven Campbell is a member of Blackmer 127.*



**CONCORD** — Grand Master Doug Caudle visited Morningside Retirement Community August 1. He was there to present Cannon Memorial 626's Fred Ernest Harrington his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. Seen here, from left, are Caudle, Harrington, and Harrington's daughter. — Mack Sigmon



**MOCKSVILLE** — Henry Manchester (Chester) James received his Diamond Jubilee on September 1. That's when Mocksville 134 celebrated his 60 years as a Mason. Seen here, from left, are Senior Steward Rosie James (James's grand-nephew), Chester James, Senior Deacon Taylor Slye, and Mocksville Master James Goforth. — Henry Bruce



**LEXINGTON** — On October 22, Lexington-Memorial 473 had a rare pleasure. They raised to Master Mason a father and son in the same communication. Gerald Moyle, the senior member of the family, was raised first so he could have the privilege of raising his son Jeffrey Moyle. Seen here, from left, are 473 Master Harvey Fulbright who presided for most of the ceremony, Jeffrey Moyle, Gerald Moyle, and Secretary Thomas Jolly Jr. who performed the long form, second section of the degree. — Thomas Jolly



**CLAYTON** — Granite 191 Tyler Randy Jeffcoat, on August 29, had the privilege of raising his son Randy Jeffcoat Jr. to Master Mason. That makes the younger Jeffcoat a third generation Mason. — Randy Jeffcoat



**WILMINGTON** — It's family membership season here. During their July 18 Past Masters Degree, Saint Johns I made two third generation Masons. They raised Camden Nye (son of Frank Nye and grandson of Larry Brown) and Lee Taylor (son of Tim Taylor of Thomas M. Holt 492 and grandson of Ed Becton of King Solomon 704). They are seen in the top photo with Nye's family on the left and Taylor's family on the right. A week later, July 25, Ashlar 765 helped out by raising Avery Rackley (another grandson of Larry Brown). Avery, Larry, and Camden are seen, left to right, in the lower photo. — Terry Kuhn

## INSTALLATION, from page 1

vocate James R. Stevens (Garner 701).

Pro tempore officers who took care of opening Grand Lodge and held chairs until each officer was installed were: Alan Wray (master, Nichols-West Asheville 650) as grand master; Maurice Herzberg (past master, Nichols-West Asheville 650), deputy grand master; Tony Rathbone (senior warden, Nichols-West Asheville 650), senior grand warden; Jody Tilley (junior warden Nichols-West Asheville 650), junior grand warden; Tom Boza (past master, Nichols-West Asheville 650), grand treasurer; Jack Barnett (39<sup>th</sup> District deputy grand master, past master, Nichols-West Asheville 650), grand secretary; Derek Daniels (senior deacon, Nichols-West Asheville 650), senior grand deacon; W. Smith McAuley (past master, Nichols-West Asheville 650), junior grand deacon; Richard D. Pinkerton (Nichols-West Asheville 650), grand marshal; J. B. Howard (past master Nichols-West Asheville 650); Brad Migyanka (steward, Nichols-West Asheville 650) and James Blankenship (Nichols-West Asheville 650), grand stewards; Curtis J. Hipps (past master, Biltmore 446), grand tyler; and Johnny D. Sutphin (past master, Swannanoa 561), grand lecturer.

The day before the installation, the Board of General Purposes met for the last time with Grand Master Caudle. A dinner honoring the incoming grand master was held on Friday night at a local motel. Refreshments followed the installation. The event was directed by Johnny Surles and Bobby Meadows with officers of Veritas 769 serving as ushers.



Webster makes his thanks.



The GL officers are taking their oath.



The Fire Department with colors



This is the view of the auditorium from the stage.



Webster's wife Jan and daughter Amy talk before the ceremony.



Preparations are being made for the installation ceremony.



The new Grand Lodge officers are seated, from left: Deputy Grand Master Cobb, Grand Master Webster, Senior Grand Warden Hicks, and Junior Grand Warden Hallman. Standing, from left are: Grand Treasurer Ledford, Grand Lecturer Burchfield, Grand Chaplain Hilliard, Grand Marshal Wicker, Junior Grand Deacon Bradshaw, Senior Grand Deacon Sigmon, Grand Steward Thompson, Grand Steward Frazier, Grand Tyler Webster, Grand Historian Campbell, and Grand Secretary Clapp.

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Michael Harding photo



# Webster is new grand master

Bryant D. Webster was installed as the 163<sup>rd</sup> grand master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina on December 5. This follows his election at our Annual Communication September 26. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge line in 2008 by Grand Master-Elect Dan Rice.

Webster was born October 8, 1969 to Deleron Lafayette Webster Jr. and Mary Ruth Scott Webster in Durham, NC. His father is a past master of Knap of Reeds 158 in Bahama, NC.

Webster attended the University of North Carolina where he earned bachelor of arts degrees in English and political science in 1991. He attended the University of North Carolina Law School, receiving his juris doctor with honors in 1994.

West Asheville 665 (now Nichols-

West Asheville 650) initiated Bryant Webster on June 21, 1999. He was passed August 16 and raised November 6 of the same year. He served that lodge as master in 2005 and as treasurer 2006–2012.

He served lengthy appointments to the Masonic & Eastern Star Home Board of Directors and Grand Lodge Code Commission. He is grand representative to the Grand Lodge of Brasilia.

Webster is an attorney with Stone & Christy, P.A., in Black Mountain, NC. He is admitted to practice before North Carolina State Courts and Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of US Federal Courts. His focus is on real property litigation and estate based litigation.

He received the 2015 William L. Thorp Pro Bono Award from the North

Carolina Bar Association. The award is presented annually to one lawyer in the State of North Carolina and went to Webster for his free legal work through Pisgah Legal Services and the Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyer Program.

Bryant also serves on the executive board of the Daniel Boone Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and served as Council president 2011–2013.

He is married to Janet Lee Baldwin Webster. Jan is director of WRESA (Western Region Educational Service Alliance) a North Carolina State agency which provides continuing education, grant writing, and consulting services to public school systems in the western part of our state. Their daughter, Amy, is a ninth-grader in Buncombe County Schools. They attend Biltmore Baptist Church in Asheville.



Bryant D. Webster

# Frazier is latest addition to GL line

Kevan D. Frazier is the most recent addition to the progressive line of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Mason of North Carolina, those men on the path to become grand master of Masons in North Carolina. The Mount Hermon 118 member was appointed junior grand steward by Grand Master-Elect Bryant D. Webster on September 26 at Annual Communication.

Frazier, a seventh generation resident of Asheville and Buncombe County in North Carolina's mountains, was born August 16, 1970 to Nelson Delaney and Donna Lynn Poore Frazier. He attended Tuscola High School in Waynesville and became the first member of his family to graduate college when he majored in history at the University of North Carolina Asheville. He

holds graduate degrees in history from Kent State University and West Virginia University.

Frazier comes from a long line of Masons on his mother's side of the family. He was initiated in Mount Hermon 118 in Asheville April 23, 2009. He was passed July 30, 2009 and raised September 19, 2009. A visit to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, VA inspired him to "knock on the door of the lodge."

He is a member of Asheville York Rite Bodies and Order of Amaranth Court No. 1. He was master of Mount Hermon Lodge in 2014 and is currently president of the Asheville Masonic Temple Board.

He is a former history professor at UNC Asheville and has had a 20-year career in higher education administra-

tion at both UNC Asheville and Western Carolina University. He is executive director of Western Carolina University's graduate and professional programs in Asheville. Frazier owns and operates Asheville by Foot Walking Tours, a small business that offers history walking tours of Asheville.

His recently published *Legendary Locals of Asheville* is a collection of biographical shorts of people who have shaped Asheville over the past 225 years, many of whom were Masons.

Frazier was many years on the Asheville-Buncombe Historic Resources Commission and recently on the time capsule committee for the monument in Asheville honoring brother and governor Zebulon Vance.

His hobbies include cycling, gardening, and travel.



Kevan D. Frazier

## Living history

WINDSOR — Charity 5 held a special Masonic Education May 28 featuring 14<sup>th</sup> District Deputy Grand master Larry Hudson. He discussed Masons during the Civil War while showing era clothing and weapons. There were about 50 Masons from several lodge in North Carolina and Virginia plus a few non-Masons in attendance. — Jeff Futrell



## NC Mason Deadlines

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# TRAVELING THE TARHEEL STATE

## Dallas

The 36<sup>th</sup> Masonic District held a Benefit Ride And Rod Run between Cherryville and Dallas on October 24. They were raising money to help the daughters of Joey and Michelle Dunlap who were killed in a motorcycle accident on the way to a Shrine parade in Maggie Valley earlier this year.

— David Jones

## Winston-Salem

The 26<sup>th</sup> Masonic District held their Chicken Stew Cook-Off October 17. Mr. and Mrs. Randy Young won the title. Plank Road Bluegrass Band provided great music. Attendees enjoyed other fun and games. Old Town 751 hosted.

Old Town Lodge had their big annual Raffle for Charity set for November 7. Door prizes, a good supper, and raffles were to headline.

— *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

On August 23, Salem 289 worked their turn at the Children for H.O.P.E. food delivery.

Salem Lodge held their Past Masters' Dinner in October.

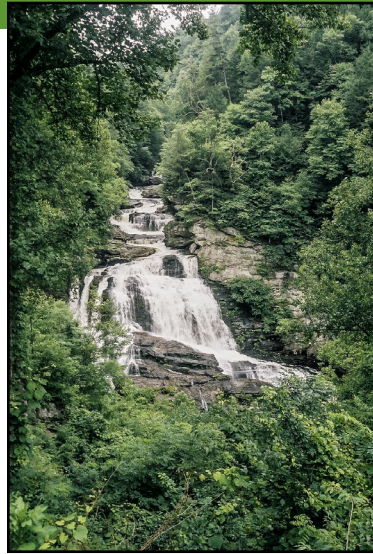
— *The Salem Sentinel*

## Southern Pines

Thanksgiving Dinner was coming a little early for Southern Pines 484. They were having their official dinner November 2. Family and friends were invited.

Volunteers from the 21<sup>st</sup> Masonic District helped with the Southern Pines Veterans' Day Parade on November 7. Southern Pines Lodge was feeding Veterans before the parade, and the volunteers served as ambassador/marshals to guide their (sometimes elderly) guests during the festivities.

— Gene Maples



## Concord

Stokes 32 stayed busy into the fall. On October 24, they held a neighborhood trunk or treat. That's a "safe" environment for kids to trick-or-treat.

Their Third Annual Casino Night was set for November 14. Dinner tickets were \$25 and included games. Raffle tickets for a gun were also available.

On November 21, they were sponsoring their third blood drive of the year.

— Thomas A. VanEtten

## Gastonia

King Solomon 704 was voting on changes to their dues (raising them to \$100) and fees for the degrees (raising them to \$250).

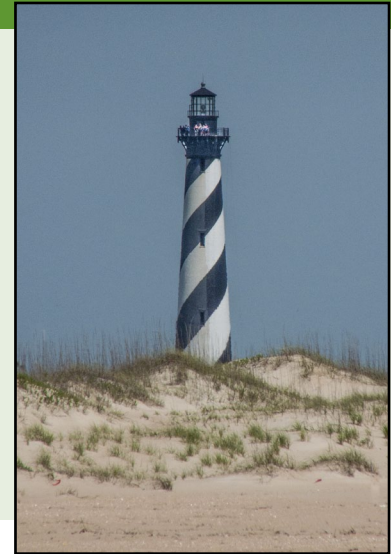
— *The Plumb Line*

Gastonia 369 set their fall fundraiser for October 24. They planned an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. They were having door prizes. Their entertainment included comedy and gospel and bluegrass music. Tables for eight could be reserved for \$120. Proceeds went to the Home for Children, the MESH Foundation, the NC Masonic Foundation, and the Abby Grace Foundation.

— Joe Waller

## NEWS FROM OUR LODGES

By Ric Carter



## Lewisville

West Bend 434 is selling wreaths this Christmas. They are partnering with a Christmas tree farm. They come in 12-, 22-, and 30-inch sizes. Proceeds go to the Masonic Home for Children and the NC Masonic and Eastern Star Foundation.

— Joey Transou

## Hillsborough

Eagle 19, Mosaic 762, and St. James 494 (PHA) held a joint picnic October 10 at Little River Park. Eagle was supplying the meat, St. James was cooking, Mosaic brought the drinks, and attendees were bringing a covered dish.

— Keith Morgan

Eagle 19 held their annual barbecue fundraiser November 14.

— Keith Morgan

Mosaic 762 members regularly enjoy a nice night out with their brothers. They have a monthly Liquid Lodge on third Fridays. They open those gatherings to all lodges and men interested in Freemasonry. The October edition was at the Counting House in Durham.

Mosaic also has regular festive boards, a formalized dinner with toasts before some of their meetings. The September board included toasts from an 18<sup>th</sup>-century Masonic expose, *Jachin and Boaz*. For those who want to get in the full spirit of the thing, the lodge was ordering custom toasting cannons (similar to shot glasses) with a square and compasses and "Mosaic 762" engraved on the glass.

— Steve Barrell and Keith Morgan

## Hookerton

Jerusalem 95 celebrated Ladies' and Awards Night October 16 in the fellowship hall of Hookerton United Methodist Church. William Henry Heath got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership in the fraternity. Heath served as district deputy grand master in the late 1970s and as master of Jerusalem Lodge five times. Past Grand Master Dalton Mayo was their guest speaker for the evening.

— *The Jerusalem Journal*

## Walnut Cove

The 26<sup>th</sup> Masonic District was awarding golf bragging rights November 7. The competition, sponsored by Walnut Cove 629, was run at Pine Knolls Golf Course in Kernersville. They were hoping for a team from each lodge in the district. Entry fee and lunch was \$35, and lunch only was ten dollars. They were using a modified Texas scramble format.

— *The Salem Sentinel*

## Oxford

The NC Hot Sauce Festival was sponsored by Oxford 122 on September 12. Five dollars for a grilled pork sandwich and drink sent money to the our Home for Children. — Jerry Brown

The 13<sup>th</sup> Masonic District held their Second Annual Gun Raffle. On October 10, they drew for 12 different gun prizes. Proceeds were for the Masonic Home for Children. — Tommy Keith

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 from 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.

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### Greensboro

WhiteStone resident Armida Brunson Sholar celebrated her 110<sup>th</sup> birthday in August. She has been at WhiteStone since 1978. Two of her children lived at the Home in the 1990s.

Corinthian 542 was holding a skeet shoot October 17. The Rainbow Girls were selling baked goods, and the lodge was raffling a shotgun. There were youth trophies for boys and girls. The event benefited Masonic charities.

— Shane McGee

For the past few years, Greensboro 76 has thanked first responders with a special luncheon. This year, they had it September 19. From 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. that Saturday, they fed emergency medical personnel, police, and firefighters at the lodge. They were cooking hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, desserts, and drinks.

— Phillip Bialek

Guilford 656 had a charity motorcycle ride planned for October 24. They were raising money for the NC Masonic Foundation and Peacehaven Community Farm. The Farm is a Guilford County nonprofit “sustainable community farm that provides vocation and residence opportunities for special needs adults.”

Guilford Lodge’s Ladies’ Night and Awards Dinner was held October 17. They were enjoying London broil and chicken Florentine in the fellowship hall at WhiteStone.

— Chester Holder

Gate City 694 is one busy lodge. Eleven of their members executed their Adopt-A-Street pickup August 15. September brought them a meeting in the fellowship hall at WhiteStone (September 8), helping with cleanup and stump removal at WhiteStone (September 12), and their Annual Fish Fry in the Temple dining hall (September 26). They were having their Ladies’ Night October 17. November was bringing a fundraiser, likely a steak dinner.

— Trestleboard

### Graham

Thomas M. Holt 492 held a Pink Pancake Breakfast and Dinner on October 3. Pink? That’s because the proceeds were going to Alamance County’s Pink Ribbon Foundation to help fight breast cancer.

Holt Lodge was cooking again November 14. This time it was pork shoulders (\$45) and Boston butts (\$25).

— Todd Smith

### Pittsboro

Columbus 102 presented their Fifth Annual Columbus Lodge Day, Car Show, Rib Fest, and Family Fun on October 3. Car Show participants paid entry fees so spectators got to see for free. Rib Fest tickets were ten dollars. The food, cars, music, and children’s activities raised money for our Masonic Homes.

— Columbus Lodge



### Blood drive down east

WINDSOR — Charity Lodge 5 sponsored a blood drive at the Windsor Community Building Saturday, August 1. You can see there was a healthy turnout of volunteers for a lodge with fewer than 50 members.

— Miles Davis

### Charlotte

Phalanx 31 held the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Cletus O. Fulp Barbecue on October 31. The sale’s proceeds are for Masonic charities. They offered sandwiches or plates, dine-in or take-out.

— Mike Hamrick

Derita 715 drew the five winners of their gun raffle September 18. They were raising money for the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford.

— Jay Frechette

### Benson

Relief 431 was participating in community celebrations lately. They had a Veterans’ Day meal on November 10 before their stated communication.

If you’re from Johnston County, you know about Mule Days, a huge animal celebration held annually in Benson. Relief Lodge wisely held their Pancake and Sausage Breakfast during the town’s yearly elevation to Mule Mecca.

— Edward Franklin Olive and Matt Moore

### Highlands

Blue Ridge 435 was having their lodge picnic on September 12. The lodge was furnishing meat and drinks. Members were bringing side dishes. Forty members and their families attended despite chilly weather.

On September 17, they awarded the prize in their rifle raffle.

— Trestleboard and Gordon Jolly

### Asheville

*Scottish Rite Journal* Editor S. Brent Morris spoke at Mount Hermon 118 on October 1. Morris was first made a Mason in Durham 352 during his graduate student days at Duke University.

— Terry Gevedon

Grand Master Douglas Caudle presented Veritas 769’s charter October 7.

— Terry Gevedon

### Salisbury

Sophia 767 had visiting lecturer Steve Barrell on October 28. He joined them to speak on “Immortal Remains: The Point in the Circle” about the transcendence of human consciousness. Barrell is a member of Moasic 762 and State College UD.

— Doug Calhoun

### Wilkesboro

The third Annual Cruise in for Charity was held here September 19. All types of vehicles were welcome and got to compete for prizes and awards. NC Masonic Pig Jig Grand Champions Branch Water Bath Tub crew were preparing the barbecue for the event. Money raised went to WhiteStone and the Home for Children.

— Josh McMillan

### Hope Mills

Grand Master Douglas L. Caudle visited Lebanon 391 in September to present a trophy to the officers of the lodge. It was their prize for winning the Grand Lodge Ritual Competition earlier in June. They won in the lodge officer division and exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Lebanon 391 had a very successful year. They had a gun raffle and a successful golf tournament. They built a wheelchair ramp and cleaned up some local properties for neighbors. They participated in the town’s Memorial Day wreath-laying and sent a large contingent to the Home for Children’s land-scaping day.

— 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

### Pineville

James K. Polk 759 fed the homeless in the fall. They had a fish fry for more than 80 homeless people in association with the McCreech House in North Charlotte.

They were also planning their first Brunswick Stew Fundraiser for the Masonic Home for Children.

— Randy Richardson

### Southport

Pythagoras 249 made a couple of community outreaches recently. They donated \$1,000 to the local Shop With a Cop Christmas program. They have also established two \$1,000 scholarships for college bound local students. They will be for one girl and one boy at South Brunswick High School who will be judged on an essay.

Skeeter Trott gave the lodge some historical mementoes, four mounted pictures of the lodge as it was used in World War I and World War II.

The lodge, realizing the call of modern computing and its necessity for good record keeping, recently bought laptop computers for the lodge secretary and treasurer.

On November 20, Pythagoras Lodge held their Widows Appreciation and Awards Banquet.

The lodge sponsored their Tenth Annual Golf Tournament September 19. More than 80 sponsored the sellout with 120 golfers.

— Newsletter

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## Jacksonville

Semper Fidelis 680 launched a Masonic Study Group October 29. They meet in the lodge dining hall.

— Howard Kahn

## Raleigh

Hiram 40's Annual Fall Pork Barbecue fundraiser was set for October 2. Eastern style barbecue, eight dollars a plate; proceeds to Masonic charities.

— Tom Imler

The Fall Chicken Barbecue at James B. Green 735 was held October 23. They were offering dine-in or takeout for eight dollars a plate.

— James B. Green Lodge

September was hopping for William T. Bain 231. They initiated three on the ninth, passed two on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and raised five on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

They held their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament September 23 at Pine Burr Golf Course in Lillington.

Bain Lodge celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> birthday October 24. They cooked a pig, had a bounce house for the kids, a bluegrass band, and giveaways throughout the day.

## Weaverville

Blackmer 170 held their annual fall barbecue September 12. They sold 290 plates. They were splitting the proceeds between the Home for Children and the lodge building fund.

— Terry Gevedon

Vance 293 was having their Past Masters', Widows', and Awards Night on October 10. Their barbecue supper was also a charity fundraiser.

— Terry Gevedon

## STATE, from previous

### Cary

The Annual Fall Barbecue at Cary 198 was set for November 6. Scheduled for the grills were 1,500 pounds of pork shoulders.

— Benton W. Oakes Jr.

Green Level 277 was holding their annual fish fry September 18. Tickets were eight dollars. Proceeds were for the MESH Foundation and the Home for Children.

— Ludwik Wodka

### Spruce Pine

Vesper 554's sole fundraiser this year was a gun raffle. They sold tickets for ten dollars each, three for \$25. They termed the raffle, which drew its winner September 26, a "tremendous financial success." Earnings went to the Masonic Home for Children.

— Newsletter

### Fayetteville

On November 14, Phoenix 8 hosted Robert Herd at their 227<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Table Lodge. Herd is a nationally known author and editor. Phoenix Lodge's annual table lodge is a black-tie banquet.

At their October 13 meeting, Ben Wallace presented a program entitled "From Time Immemorial." White-Stone Administrator Mark Kolada updated the lodge on the latest happenings at our retirement home.

— 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

### Yanceyville

Things are picking up at Caswell Brotherhood 11. After a long candidate dry spell, the lodge raised two new Masons October 8. Both John Pointer and Alston Lucas are North Carolina Highway Patrol Troopers.

— Michael Adkins



## West Bend family fun

LEWISVILLE — Masonry is a family affair in many lodges. It's certainly the case at West Bend 434. On July 15, West Bend raised a new Rothrock — Aaron Rothrock, son of West Bend Master Chris Rothrock. Chris packed the roster for the Third Degree with other family members. Chris said, "It was very special to have my son John in the South, my Brother Zack conduct him, and my Dad and me raise him. Not many times in life can a man sit in Lodge with three generations of his family." Seen here, from left, are Chris (master and father), John (junior warden and brother), Terry (grandfather), Aaron (newly raised), and Zack (senior deacon and uncle).

— Bob Blair

### Smithfield

Fellowship 84 has started feeding at all regular meetings. They're hoping it will stimulate interest and attendance.

— Grover Dees

### Pilot Mountain

Pilot 493 held their Annual Masonic Widows' Dinner at the Mountain View Restaurant on August 13.

— *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*

### Wake Forest

Wake Forest 282 held their 5K race again September 19. Everyone who finished the race at Joyner Park received a commemorative t-shirt and medal. Money raised through the run went to help the Masonic Home for Children.

— Jordan Horst

### Princeton

St. Patrick's 617 celebrated their centennial October 3. They spent the Saturday afternoon with food and games (including cornhole, three-legged races and tug-of-war). It was all free and all fun for the family.

— Brent Evans

### Union Grove

Grassy Knob 471 held a turkey shoot October 10. They were raising money for Union Grove Elementary School and Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County.

— Tom Gregory

### Belmont

Belmont 627 held a Boston Butt Barbecue Sale November 7. They were selling the 10–12-pound butts with a pint of homemade sauce for \$35. Proceeds were for the Masonic Home for Children.

— Mike Harvey

### Deep Run

Pleasant Hill 304 held their Pancake and Sausage Fundraiser Supper September 18.

— Lynn Hill

### Youngsville

Youngsville 377 and other brothers from around the 13<sup>th</sup> Masonic District hosted a picnic at the Home for Children on September 12.

— Dean Mooney

### Marble

Marble Springs 439 hosted a fish fry fundraiser September 12. They were making money for the Masonic Homes.

— Greg Allred

### Mount Holly

Past masters of Mount Holly 544 were put to work July 25 during the lodge's Past Masters Degree. Past Grand Master Rick Moore was among their most illustrious past masters in attendance.

— Dewayne Gore



## Fathers Day observance

VANCEBORO — Vanceboro 433 Master John Gray held a Fathers Day Breakfast on Saturday, June 20 to promote "fellowship of the lodge."

— R. Terry Smith

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## Holly Springs scholars

**HOLLY SPRINGS** — As part of their ongoing civic and charitable activities, Holly Springs 115 recently presented two \$500 scholarships to local college bound students. Evan Martinez is headed to Western Carolina University, and Jessica Tereszcyk will be attending Dallas University. Master Jeff Hatcher and Scholarship Committee Chair Rob Martin made the presentations. Seen here, from left, are Martinez, Tereszcyk, Hatcher, and Martin.

— Vinnie DeBenedetto

## STATE, from previous page

### Burnsville

Bald Creek 397 held their Old Timers' meeting October 3. The lodge supplied drinks, bread, and meat. Guests brought their favorite covered dishes.

— Terry Gevedon

### Wendell

Archer 165 recently gave up the 14<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Traveling Gavel when members of Wendell 565 members descended on the rural lodge to visit.

— Scott Wilkinson

### Waxhaw

Waxhaw 562 had their Past Masters' and Ladies' Luncheon on September 19.

— Richard Shields

### Holly Springs

Homemade Brunswick stew was featured in the October 24 fundraiser at Holly Springs 115. They sold by the bowl or the quart.

— John Dullaghan

### Candler

Hominy 491 was doing an Applebee's flapjack breakfast fundraiser October 3.

— Terry Gevedon

### Hamlet

An outdoor Entered Apprentice Degree was being held in Hamlet October 3.

— Gene Maples

### Wallace

Wallace 279 was selling lunch plates for their annual fund raiser October 23. They also recently held their Past Masters' and Ladies' Night.

— Wallace Lodge

### Swannanoa

October 29 was the date for Swannanoa 561's Past Masters' Night. They did a Third Degree.

— Jack Barnett

### Henderson

Henderson 229 celebrates the lodge's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary December 5.

— Donald Seifert

### Marshall

French Broad 292's Old Timers' and Widows' Night was held in a local restaurant on October 2.

— Terry Gevedon

### Huntersville

Long Creek 205 held a barbecue fundraiser on October 1.



In Fascist Spain under Franco, it was a crime to be a Freemason. Masons convicted had to serve prison terms equal in years to the number of Masonic degrees possessed. Master Mason — three years.

— *The Truth is Stranger than Fiction*,  
Alphonse Cerza

# GM's district meetings

Grand Master Bryant D. Webster plans to visit about half our districts this year. His meetings start in early 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.glnl.us>. This was the schedule as of December 9, 2015. Changes may be necessary. Please consult your lodge for updates.

Date	District	Host	Location
March 2	14	William G. Hill 218	1520 Caswell St., Raleigh
March 3	10	St. John's 4	1810 N. Heritage St., Kinston
March 7	19	Knap of Reeds 158	158 Bahama Rd., Bahama
March 8	8	Widow Son 519	298 Roanoke Ave., Roanoke Rapids
March 9	16	Wilson 712	2501 W. Nash St., Wilson
March 22	22	Jefferson Penn 384	110 S. Main St., Reidsville
March 23	20	Siler City 403	114 S. Third Ave., Siler City
March 28	1	Eureka 317	218 S. Hughes Blvd., Elizabeth City
March 29	2	Cape Hatteras 698	48338 Hwy 12, Buxton
March 30	4	Franklin 109	104 Professional Park Dr., Beaufort
March 31	3	Orr 104	116 E. Third St., Washington
April 11	30	Lee 253	108 Second Ave., SW, Taylorsville
April 12	38	Forest City 381	17 Wilkie St., Forest City
April 13	36	Mt. Holly 544	332 W. Charlotte Ave., Mt. Holly
April 25	32	Mint Hill 742	10224 Lawyers Rd., Charlotte
April 26	28	Spencer 543	114 Fourth St., Spencer
May 2	12	St. John's 1	4712 Oriole Dr., Wilmington
May 3	18	Lebanon 207	114 Pecan St., Whiteville
May 4	21	Rockingham 495	1107 Fayetteville Rd., Rockingham
May 5	17	Fort Bragg 667	221 Mason St., Fayetteville
May 16	26	Salem 289	4537 Country Club Rd., Winston-Salem
May 17	33	Sparta 423	125 E. Doughton St., Sparta
May 23	41	Blue Ridge 435	305 Main St., Highlands
May 24	40	Waynesville 259	435 E. Marshall St., Waynesville
May 25	34	Mystic Tie 237	163 S. Main St., Marion
May 26	39	Nichols-W. Asheville 650	22 Brevard Rd., Asheville



**MORGANTON** — Catawba Valley 217 raised Joey Mull, left, in March. It took a while before he realized that 18-year-olds could join Masonry in North Carolina. His son Joseph, a high school senior, immediately applied and was voted in on the night he graduated. He was initiated just after graduating and just before he left of the United States Air Force Academy. — Bill Poteat

# WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS

1	.....Nye, Camden Seth	243	.....Harper, Felix Ervin	461	.....Simpson, Andrew Link	667	.....Owens, Roger Dale	735	.....Weaver, Jonathan Clark
1	.....Rackley, Avery Joseph	244	.....Carver, Zachary Bryan	463	.....Vick, Timothy Allen	669	.....Bullins, Eddie Wayne	736	.....Jeppson, Gregory Thomas
1	.....Taylor, Paul Edwin Lee	244	.....Phillips II, Ralph Thomas	463	.....Snedecor, Shane Evan	669	.....Grabus, Timothy John	736	.....Thompson, Aaron Michael
1	.....Wright, Charles Cameron	259	.....Abbott, Dennis Wesley	471	.....Prevette, Chase Mansfield	669	.....Prescott III, Robert Guy	737	.....Vu, Nhan Dinh
3	.....Burany, James Vassili	259	.....Hyatt, William Vince	472	.....Coffey, Donovan T.	669	.....Brooks, Shanon Lee	737	.....Iannucci, Robert Giuliano
3	.....Hill, Jessie Alton	261	.....Davis, Sam Jerome	472	.....Fowler, Gary Maxwell Avila	669	.....Smith, Matthew Baker	737	.....Helfing, Kenneth Isaac
3	.....Turner, Russell Charlie	261	.....Robinson, John Lachmann	473	.....Moyle, Gerald Elwood	669	.....Taylor, Steven Boyd	737	.....Lachacz, Cameron Austin
3	.....Edwards, Robert Samuel	262	.....Greene, Clinton Scott	473	.....Moyle, Jeffrey Branden	670	.....Bebow, Andrew Paul	737	.....Moore, Michael Crawford
3	.....Jensen, Joshua Leigh	262	.....Hale, Christopher Allen	483	.....Gantt, Jayden Anthony	670	.....Jackson, Joshua Robert	737	.....Souare, Eric Hamed
4	.....Davis, James Tyndall	262	.....Murray, Brian Adrian	484	.....Holderfield, Aaron Jay	670	.....Watts, Joshua David	738	.....Hamm Jr., Robert Lee
4	.....Honeycutt, Jacob Roman	262	.....Townsend, Michael Christopher	484	.....McIntosh, Buddy James	670	.....Guy Jr., Jason Edward	738	.....Ivester Jr., Michael James
4	.....Villagra, Jovanni Cesar	262	.....Forsyth, Chilo Brackett Garrou	484	.....McIntosh, John David	672	.....Jackson, Marlon Jerry	738	.....Lambert, Carl Edwin
8	.....Lopes, Roberto A. Ortiz	262	.....Lail, Jason Alan	484	.....Thompson, Timothy Allen	680	.....Swiggart, Jason Wayne	738	.....Landers, William Todd
8	.....Reyes, Keith	265	.....Taylor, James Wesley	484	.....Brown, Joshua Gamble	680	.....Schmidt, Jeremy Scot	739	.....Carmichael, Irwin
8	.....Bozard, Kyle Lee	271	.....Clegg, David Pierce	489	.....Bertolini, Christopher Anthony	680	.....Jenkins, Tomas	739	.....Rea, Jeffrey Allen
8	.....Clark, Brian Jesus	271	.....Hines, Thaddeus Kellar	491	.....Reynolds, Gregory Alan	688	.....Krueger, Mario Allen	739	.....Swayze, Kenneth Leroy
8	.....Nobles, Timothy Marshall	271	.....Buzzard, Justin Tyler	493	.....Eads, Jesse Allen	688	.....Velazquez Jr., Jaime	741	.....Graham, Austin Dean
8	.....Pilkay, Grant Lewis	271	.....Foust, Kyle Leonard	493	.....Hooker, James Douglas	691	.....Chilton, Michael Landon	741	.....Lewis, Charles Christian James
10	.....Ross, Joseph Alfred	272	.....Ross, David Christopher	493	.....Childress, Mark Tatum	692	.....Shook, Thomas Larkin	741	.....Daniels, Taylor Martin
10	.....Conner Jr., Ernest Calvin	289	.....Sturgill, Ronald Bryce	493	.....Martin, Matthew Allen	692	.....Kazmirici, Bora Refik	741	.....Fuchs, Charles Michael
11	.....Lucas, Alston Alexander	301	.....Morris, Donald Lee	493	.....White, Jonathan Wade	694	.....Spivey, Richard Elton	741	.....Willis, James Daniel
11	.....Pointer, John Lea	302	.....Adams, David Michael	496	.....Estep, Owen M.	694	.....Anderson, Scot Christopher	746	.....Inglesby III, Alfred James
19	.....Austin, Joshua Daniel	302	.....Buskirk, Brian Allen	496	.....Fesperman, Michael Lynn	701	.....Keller, Joseph Michael	746	.....Jelicome, John Lee
31	.....Morelock, Kevin David	304	.....Stroud, Richard Thurman	496	.....Nichols, Jonathan Shelton	703	.....Alley Jr., Joseph Wesley	750	.....Baker, Randy Earl
31	.....Ordonio, Jeffrey Vito Cruz	319	.....Marella, Timothy George	497	.....Peedin, John Jeffrey	703	.....Barkand, Michael Gary	750	.....Layell, Ronnie Dale
32	.....Twigg, Robert Patrick	319	.....Williams, Larry Franklin	497	.....Peedin, Robert Henson	703	.....Morton, David Michael	750	.....Woods, Cecil Earl
32	.....Baker, Charles Edward	319	.....Collins, Matthew John	498	.....Blackmon, Charles	704	.....Adams, Stephen Grant	750	.....Eason, Larry Wayne
32	.....Hopkins, Matthew Frank	319	.....Piver, Forrest Lee	499	.....Jones, Davey Todd	704	.....Bingham, Johnny Allan	751	.....Davis, Clayton Drew
45	.....Call, Jody Ray	322	.....Campbell, Johnathan Derrick	499	.....White, John Michael	706	.....Covington, Jeffrey Scott	751	.....Winfrey, Matthew Ryan
45	.....Clarke, Matthew Jeremiah	322	.....Rook, Charles Alan	500	.....De La Salle, Mark Antony Jay	706	.....James, George L.	752	.....Broome, Joshua Nathaniel
45	.....Pearson, David Allen	322	.....Woodson, Robert Joel	500	.....Ford, Stephen Michael	709	.....Greiner, Wayne Allen	756	.....Laboy, Christopher Jose
64	.....Huntley Jr., Edmund Parsons	322	.....Freeman, Devin Gray	500	.....Kalambayi, Jeampy Kamba	713	.....Jerkins, Thomas Grady	757	.....Johnson, William Frank
85	.....Ezell, Jerry Lee	343	.....Cline, James Hugh	500	.....Kelly, Daniel Patrick	713	.....Leatherman, Kyle Houston	757	.....Kluttz, Ronald Harper
90	.....Beelendorf, Alek Andrew	343	.....Luna-Zea, Huberto	500	.....Turlington II, David Harold	713	.....Leatherman, Mitchell David	757	.....Reese, Andrew William
91	.....Barker, Andrew Scott	348	.....Hathcock, John Douglas	502	.....Harrelson, Russell Dean	722	.....Kiser, Robert Lee	757	.....Warren, Joshua Lee
95	.....Barber, Wallace Jay	348	.....Richardson, Joshua Dane	515	.....Pasour, Eric Hubain	723	.....Davenport, Kirk Hunter	759	.....Gentry, Rodney Thomas
95	.....Conwell, Adam Gordon	348	.....West Jr., Eston Garry	517	.....Johnson, Michael Barnes	727	.....Long, Daniel Neal	759	.....Ross, Andrew Desmond
98	.....Barnes, Alvin Ray	348	.....Humphries, Harold David	544	.....Buckner, Jack Carl	730	.....Arnette, Gregory Keith	762	.....Shafer, Bradley R.
109	.....Buttry, Kevin Dean	369	.....McLean Jr., Clayborn Adams	544	.....Bryant, Christopher Dane	733	.....Savage Jr., James Douglas	763	.....Courtright, Michael Thomas
113	.....White, Jason Duane	369	.....Lunsford, Conner William	550	.....Crumpler, Michael John	734	.....Bates, Timothy Michael	763	.....Oakley, David Wayne
114	.....Edge, David Lee	374	.....Neill, Daniel Colton	550	.....Puckett, Jonathan David	735	.....Lee, Jason Parrish	765	.....Hall, Robert Thomas
114	.....Miller, Joshua James	374	.....Perry, John Randall	552	.....Jordan, Jarrett Benjamin			765	.....Smith, Donald Floyd
114	.....Roach, Billy Ray	384	.....Pillar, Ronald Steven	552	.....Stratton, Michael Ryan				
114	.....Meares, David Bruce	384	.....Rice, Nicholas James	554	.....Sillman, Carol Andrew				
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### Feed the Needy

Each Mason should bring ten dollars or ten cans of food for admission to Annual Communication in September 2016.



FUQUAY-VARINA — On July 21, Fuquay 258 presented Meredith College bound Megan Tarpey (left photo) a \$1,000 check as the winner of the annual scholarship award. Also awarded that evening was a second scholarship to Brandon Mendez (right) for \$500 to help with his second year at the University of North Carolina. Both of the recipients, friends, and family dined with the lodge that night. The scholarship is given each year to a senior from Fuquay-Varina High School. Scholarship Committeeman Tim Allen is seen here presenting both the scholarships. — Frank A. Bowles

## From the Medical Committee

### ...the windows be darkened

By David M Dickman

Benjamin Franklin stated “in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.” If one is able to elude the former for long enough, a third inevitability must be added: cataracts.

The word “cataract” has several possible derivations. The Latin “cataracta” means either “waterfall” or “portcullis.”

The Romans associated the white appearance of a mature cataract with the water of a waterfall. Alternatively, as a portcullis obstructs a castle entrance, so the cataract obstructs our vision. Whatever the derivation, a cataract is simply the natural lens in our eyes becoming opaque over time.

Cataracts have been treated surgically since ancient times. Records of

the procedure date back to the ancient Egyptians around 2700 BCE. When a patient’s cataracts matured, a needle was inserted into the eye and used to push the cataract out of the visual axis. This results in much brighter but unfocused vision.

Modern surgery is performed under a microscope, with self sealing incisions and an ultrasound device. A clear lens made of acrylic is injected into the eye

where the cataract had been. Careful measurement and advanced mathematics allow selection of lens power to reduce the need for glasses.

Cataract surgery is one of the most common and safest procedures in all of medicine, and its history is more ancient than Freemasonry itself.

*David M Dickman is a member of J. J. Crowder 743, Raleigh.*

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### Education goblets

RALEIGH — On August 21, 1888, the North Carolina Teachers’ Assembly (now the NC Association of Educators) gave our Grand Lodge a set of goblets (corn, oil, and wine) for cornerstone ceremonies. We had, a few months before, performed such a ceremony for their headquarters in Morehead City. The timing of the gift could hardly have been coincidental as we used the vessels the very next day to set the cornerstone of Holladay Hall, the first building of the new NC College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. Now known as NC State University, it is the largest university in the Carolinas. The goblets are on display at the Grand Lodge office.



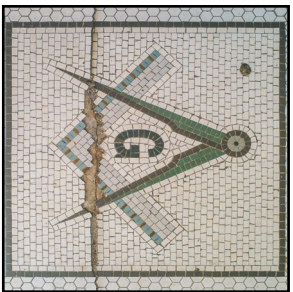
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