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Major space mission named for Tar Heel Mason James E. Webb

By Ric Carter

Even though their mission was to land on the moon, running NASA in the 1960s wasn't just rocket science. The agency best known for its rocket science is now saluting the politics- and business-savvy administrator who helped propel them into fulfilling one of the biggest promises ever — landing a man on the moon in less than ten years. The Hubble Space Telescope's successor will be known as the James Webb Space Telescope after former NASA Administrator and North Carolina Mason James E. Webb.

Scheduled for launch in 2018, the Webb Space Telescope will be the most powerful space telescope ever built, capable of observing the most distant objects in the universe, providing images of the first galaxies formed, and observing unexplored planets around distant stars. It is a joint project of NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA), and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).

In 1907, James E. Webb was born in Stem (some report Tally Ho) in southern Granville County. His dad was superintendent of schools there. (In fact, the school our kids at the Masonic Home for Children attend is named for his father.) James Webb got a degree in education from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. While a student there, he took his Masonic degrees in University 408, later transferring his membership home to Oxford 396 which later became Oxford 122. He got his three degrees on consecutive Mondays in December 1927.

He served in the Marine Corps before studying law at George Washington University in Washington, DC. He worked in the District of Columbia for several years before entering World War II as a Marine. After the war, he returned to the nation's capitol to serve the Truman Administration as under secretary of treasury, director of the Bureau of the Budget, and under Secretary of State. After the Truman Administration, Webb entered the private sector, joining Kerr-McGee Oil.

Webb was called back to Washington from private industry in 1961. President John Kennedy and Vice-President Lyndon Johnson drafted him to head the



NASA/MSFC/David Higginbotham photo

The first six of 18 mirrors of the Webb Telescope are prepared for cryogenic testing.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He was to be the man to steer the agency through Kennedy's perhaps rash pledge to land a man on the Moon in less than ten years.

Webb insisted, "I was not really the best person" for the job. Kennedy did not agree. He saw Webb's sharp political and managerial skills as just what the agency needed. "It's going to be a balanced program that does the job for the country," was Webb's demand. Webb insisted on a balanced approach to NASA; it must be more than just land a man on the moon. The space program, he insisted, must strike a balance between human space flight and science. It must serve as a catalyst for strengthening the country's universities and aerospace industry.

According to a NASA biography, "James Webb politicked, coaxed, cajoled, and maneuvered for NASA... [As] a master at bureaucratic politics... [he] built a seamless web of political liaisons that brought continued support for and resources to accomplish the Apollo Moon landing on schedule."

During his tenure, NASA developed robotic spacecraft to explore the Moon and prepare us for landing. They sent probes to Mars and Venus. By the time Webb retired months before the Apollo landing, NASA had mounted more than 75 space missions.

Sean O'Keefe, former administrator of NASA said, "It's fitting that Hubble's successor be named in honor

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of James Webb. Thanks to his efforts, we got our first glimpses at the dramatic landscape of outer space. He took our nation on its first voyages of exploration, turning our imagination onto reality." Webb died in 1992.



NASA photo

James E. Webb

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) with its large, infrared-optimized space telescope will peer through the dusty portions of space to reveal the first galaxies formed in the Big Bang. According to a NASA release, "It will study every phase in the history of our universe, ranging from the first luminous glows after the Big Bang, to the formation of solar systems capable of supporting life on planets like Earth, to the evolution of our own Solar System."

Weighing more than seven tons on Earth, JWST will sport a folding, segmented mirror that will deploy after reaching orbit. The mirror is more than 20 feet across (six times larger than the Hubble's) and will be capable of seeing detail the size of a penny at a distance of 24 miles. Heat protection is essential for infrared observation. That is why the telescope will have a sun shield the size of a tennis court. That's also why the telescope will be parked in the L2 Lagrange point, about one million miles from earth. That spot keeps the Earth, Moon, and Sun in the same, constant direction relative to the satellite, making for easier shading of the telescope from external heat, allowing it to operate at -370 degrees Fahrenheit, very close to absolute zero. Its unfolding mirror of micrometeoroid resistant beryllium will

set a precedent for later, larger mirrors in space.

There are several important instruments on the Webb. The Near-Infrared Camera, will be Webb's primary camera and will take images of the first stars and galaxies to form in the universe, along with many other astronomical targets.

Another instrument, the Near-Infrared Spectrograph (NIRSpec), will analyze the spectra and composition of as many as 100 objects at once.

The Mid-Infrared Instrument, has both a camera and a spectrograph, which sees light in the mid-infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum — wavelengths longer than the human eye can see.

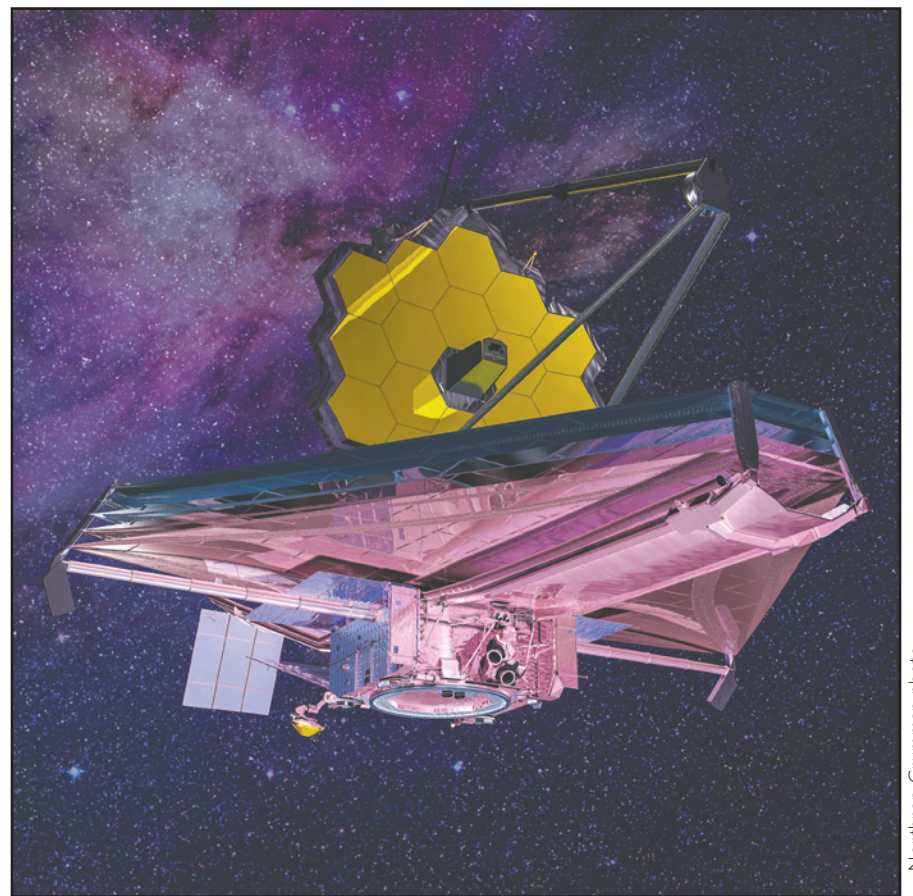


The final instrument, the Fine Guidance Sensor and Near-infrared Imager and Slitless Spectrograph, will allow the Webb to point precisely at its target in order to obtain high-quality images, and also will provide other valuable science modes for investigating both the distant universe and nearby exoplanets.



Chris Gunn photo

Thermal blankets are prepared for testing the telescope in the vacuum chamber.



Northrop Grumman photo

An artist rendering of what the deployed Webb Telescope will look like.

Once in space, a huge sun shield will act as an umbrella to keep heat radiating from the Sun and Earth from reaching scientific instruments that must stay cold to function properly.

A team of scientists and engineers have been working to install all 18 primary mirror segments in the large clean

room at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. The 12th mirror was installed on January 2, 2016.

Space telescopes are increasingly being seen as much as time machines as optical devices. By recording ever more faint and distant light signals, we are seeing further and further back into time, nearing the very beginnings of the universe. The Webb Space Telescope will see objects that are ten to 100 times fainter than those captured by the Hubble, ten billion times fainter than the faintest stars you can see in the sky. It will see the universe as it was 100–250 million years after the Big Bang, a mere one or two percent of its current age. The Webb's mission will be to search there for the first galaxies and see how they evolved, to observe the early formation of stars, and measure the physical and chemical properties of planetary systems.

As the Webb Space Telescope brings us flashes of the earliest light from the beginnings of time, we can all take pride that it also salutes more light in Masonry from the Tar Heel State.



Ric Carter photos

The gathering shares the closing charge.

Greenville continues visit tradition

By Ric Carter

GREENVILLE — Greenville 284 hosted the area's Sixth Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24. More than 50 people attended the dinner and program. The gathering is held each year to gather lodges from the Sixth Masonic District and around the region and to facilitate learning more about the craft and what it means to be a Freemason. It's likely the longest lived visitation event between our jurisdiction's lodges and Prince Hall lodges.

Greenville's Mount Hermon 35 (PHA) supplied supper for the gathering. Daniel Van Liere, Greenville 284 master, presided and invited masters

and dignitaries from several lodges to join him in the east for the meeting. He delivered a Thanksgiving message.

There was a special recognition of David Stapleton and Bud Wheless, the men who had the courage to create the first Greenville Thanksgiving gathering.

There were two more presentations. Jimmy Ford, Prince Hall 12th District Deputy Grand Master presented his message on working together as brothers. Sixth District Deputy Grand Master Dennis Campbell presented on self assessment.

The brothers enjoyed an evening of good fellowship and fun.



Several guests shared the east with Crown Point Master Daniel Van Liere.

Ed McBride honored by hometown

WADESBORO — For their People Fest on October 10, the Wadesboro Town Council declared it Ed McBride Day.

The Express describes McBride as "a sign artist of renown in those parts. He began his career as a teenager in 1937 and still turns out a bit of work at age 93. His signs and artwork are a big part of the fabric of Anson County. He even designed the official People Fest logo.

"Ed also is known to citizens for his 'Remembering'

column in *The Express*. His columns feature a photograph and some information to go along with it each week. Ed took photographs of most every sign he created, kept organized notes, and he has a great memory, so each of his columns is truly an important slice of history. The subjects of his columns — people, businesses, churches, schools, events — have touched the lives of many people here in Anson County.

"Lastly, Ed is a great guy! Anyone who has met him

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 schedule 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	Widows 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

is immediately aware that he is a kind, compassionate, and funny man. He has contributed to the community through the Masons, Lions Club, his church, and countless hours of volunteering his time and talents."

McBride served Kilwinning 64 as master in 1962, 1980, and 1981. He became a Mason in 1953. When Kilwinning Lodge celebrated its 200th anniversary back in 2013, they dedicated their lodge library to him.

— Speed Hallman

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Newest lodge chartered

HOLLY SPRINGS — Members of Knights of Solomon 768 were presented their charter November 5. It is the third motorcycle affinity lodge in the state and sticks with the naming tradition of the previous two. A large contingent of members and Grand Lodge officers were on hand when Grand Master Douglas Caudle presented the lodge's charter to Master Robert Barron, Senior Warden Tom Zelickman, Junior Warden Michael Spencer, and the rest of the Knights of Solomon 768. The charter was granted at Annual Communication in September 2015. — Mack Sigmon



Medalist Steve Lynch, Past Grand Master Dan Rice, and then Grand Master Douglas L. Caudle

Lynch named Montfort Medalist

HILLSBOROUGH — On November 24, Grand Master Douglas L. Caudle presented the Joseph Montfort Medal to Steve Lynch of Eagle 19 and Sophia 767. The Montfort Medal is the most prestigious recognition of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Lynch, a retired police investigator, was grand tyler during Grand Master Dan Rice's term.

He is best known though for Lynch's Lodge. The 40-year Burlington Mason has been a very active coach. He did most of his coaching early in the morning, in the shop behind his home. His wife Betsy would bring sausage biscuits to the candidates. One morning, as several young Ma-

sons were approaching the end of their study, they began to talk about how much they would miss the time together there. Lynch had the solution: one Wednesday morning each month, he would have them over for biscuits in the shop. It became what is now light-heartedly known as Lynch's Lodge. Attendance grew. The gathering is now held once a quarter at 9:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning. The next one is February 27.

The Montfort Medal is the highest honor presented by our Grand Lodge. It is given for "distinguished Masonic service or achievement." A grand master may present only three during his term in office. — Speed Hallman

BUILDING A STRONGER FOUNDATION



Saints John vs. St. Jude

By Bryant D. Webster
Grand Master

Our lodges are traditionally dedicated to the Saints John: Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. They are represented in our lodges, and we celebrate their festival days in summer and winter. What then of St. Jude, that eminent saint after whom the world-famous children's research hospital in Memphis, Tennessee is named? One might think that a saint after whom such a great children's philanthropy is named should be counted in our Masonic pantheon, up there with the Saints John, King Solomon, Hiram Abif, and perhaps our American secular answer for a saint — George Washington.

Yet, if one digs a little deeper, the reason for excluding St. Jude is obvious: you see, St. Jude is the patron saint of the lost cause. Brethren, our fraternity, our charities, our institutions are anything but a lost cause.

One has only to look at our successes, whether it be the implementation of MORI to manage our membership information, or 100 years of service to our seniors at WhiteStone, a Masonic and Eastern Star Community, or 145 years of service to children at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, or the recent formation of new lodges to include motorcycle lodges, traditional observance lodges, a university lodge, and the new MESH Lodge UD at WhiteStone. These highlights make clear that we are far from done, that our best lies ahead, that we are not a lost cause.

When something is a lost cause, you cut your losses, mitigate the damages, fold the tent, and go to the house. We are not there. Our troubles are well-documented; I'm not interested in rehashing them. I have a very small rear-view mirror and a very large windshield, and I'm willing to accept instruction as to how to focus from the same. We must look forward.

To that end, we are introducing some tools to help us find our better selves:

1. The Lodge Self-Assessment Tool: Located on the Grand Lodge website, this form allows your lodge to measure itself against a set of standards — for your building, your meetings, service to the community, fundraising, ritual proficiency, etc. This

is your tool to use for your purposes. We all know that we cannot manage what we do not measure. You can evaluate your lodge and establish goals for "raising your game." No one else is going to grade it, look at it, or ask for it; it is to help you. You can find it here: <http://grandlodge-nc.org/storage/wysiwyg/the+master+touch_2_2.pdf>.

2. Tips for Treasurers: We have been derelict in providing training and instruction for our lodge treasurers. We will soon be putting on the Grand Lodge website bits of information and news, best practices and reminders, to help our treasurers do their very important jobs.

3. Wilkerson College: This is not a new tool, but it is an underused tool. We have over 300 lodges in North Carolina; fewer than 40 of those lodges apply to send someone to Wilkerson College annu-

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ally. Many of the same lodges send someone every year. Brethren, I'm challenging you to find a way to nominate and send your incoming junior or senior deacon to Wilkerson College. If the applications surge, we will prioritize those lodges who have not had an attendee. We will also put in place plans to expand the availability of Wilkerson College. It is difficult to contemplate expanding when we are past deadline filling the class each year. Please demand this service by making provision for your officer to go. <<http://www.wilkersoncollege.com>>

4. Senior Protection Program: We want to build a system to assist our elderly members, their widows, and families, to prepare them for certain death, and to prevent them being the victims of abuse, fraud, or theft. Please help your lodge secretary get the information about the career skills of your members into MORI, so we can identify resources for our members and their families. We will provide information on estate planning, and begin to create the infrastructure to provide value to our members and protect them when they are vulnerable.

5. Estate Planning: As I hold district meetings around the state, I will be providing a brief primer on estate planning documents, to help you help your families to be prepared in the event you can-

not handle your own affairs during life, and for that eventual demise that touches us all.

6. Masonic Education: If you have not looked lately, go to the Education Resources Tab of the Grand Lodge website, and check out all the resources that are there for you. We have a new Speaker's Bureau to bring exciting programs to your lodge. We have print and media resources galore. Please take advantage of these tools. More will be added throughout the year. Your Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education is working diligently to provide tools you can use to make yourself and your lodge better. Self-improvement is the name of the game. <<http://grandlodge-nc.org/education-resources>>

7. SMART Goals: On the topic of self-improvement, rather than New Year's resolutions, commit to three to five personal goals. They should be specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely — SMART. They can be physical — doing 50 push-ups each day. They can be financial — paying off 30% of your credit card debt this year. They can be spiritual — engaging in a daily devotional. They can be personal — taking your wife on a date once a month. Whatever they are, write them down, commit to them, keep a log of how you are doing. The idea is that this time next year, you should be able to smile when you ask yourself the question, "Am I a better man now than I was a year ago?"

8. Masons Can: Plan on bringing ten cans of food and/or ten dollars with you to Annual Communication in September. Ten dollars contributed to a Food Bank means 70 meals for needful people of our communities. We annually gather to do our business, have good food and fellowship. Let's take this opportunity to "do good unto all, recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful." We can show our communities the good we do, and we can put a dent in hunger.

As we go forward, we will continue to look for new and better ways to serve you, for the benefit and betterment of our beloved Craft. While he is a noble saint, and champions those much in need, St. Jude has no home here. Our cause is far from lost. If we all pull on the oars together, we can move the boat forward faster and faster.

MILEPOSTS



HALIFAX — Royal White Hart 2 representatives visited William Davis Hux last summer. They were there to give him his Diamond Jubilee for his 60 years as a Mason.



SMITHFIELD — Fellowship 84's Wallace Ashley recently received his Veteran's Emblem honoring his 50 years as a Mason. He was master of the lodge in 1972. — Grover T. Dees



HALIFAX — Roy David Cobb got his Diamond Jubilee award last summer. Members of Royal White Hart 2 visited their brother to present his 60-year award.



ADVANCE — Advance 710 member James Lowe Ratledge, center, recently got his Diamond Jubilee for his 60 years membership. He is seen here with Advance Master Gerry Livengood, left, and Ron Vogler, right. — Mark Howell



WINTON — During Winton 723's October Annual Ladies Night, two of their members got Veteran's Awards for their 50 years of membership. Seen here, from left, Winton Master Raymond Eure presents the awards to Stewart Brady and Curtis Eure. — Raymond Eure



BENSON — On November 10, Relief 431 presented Marvin J. Parker, right, his Veteran's Emblem celebrating his 50 years as a Mason. He is seen here with Relief Master James Peacock. — Matt Moore



TUCKER — Howard Bennett Roberson received his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years as a Mason last year. As a courtesy to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, the presentation was made by Fifth DDGM Tom Bruce, of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Roberson is a member of Jefferson Penn 384 in Reidsville. — Paul Tutherow



REIDSVILLE — Jefferson Penn 384's Lewis Wyatt, right, was recently presented his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years of Masonic membership. He is seen here with Penn Lodge Senior Deacon Bruce Needham.

MILEPOSTS



CONOVER — On September 10, Grand Master Douglas L. Caudle and Past Grand Master Richard Moore presented Conover 709's Fred L. Sherrill Jr. his Diamond Jubilee honoring his 60 years as a Mason. Sherrill was master of Conover Lodge in 1960 and has been the lodge's secretary since 1962, 54 years. He has served several Grand Lodge appointments including the NC Masonic Foundation, MESH Board, and Board of General Purposes. He was the 2011 recipient of the Harris-Dudley Grand Secretary's Award. Seen here, from left, are 34th DDGM Russell E. Bridges, Caudle, Sherrill, Conover Master Billy L. Price Jr., PGM Rick Moore, and Junior Grand Deacon Mack Sigmon. — Mack Sigmon



HOOKERTON — Leroy Beaman Whitfield of Jerusalem 95 was recognized October 16 for having achieved 50 years as a certified lecturer. He is only the fourth Mason to ever reach this milestone since the certification program began in 1941. Whitfield was first certified in 1955, served as both district deputy grand master and district deputy grand lecturer, master of his lodge five times, and currently serves as its treasurer. Jerusalem 95 currently has three certified lecturers among its 45 members. Board of Custodians Secretary David L. Potts presented the award at the lodge's Ladies' and Past Masters' Night. Grand Master Douglas L. Caudle and Past Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo were present and spoke. Seen here, from left, are Junior Grand Deacon Mack Sigmon, GM Caudle, Whitfield, PGM Mayo, Charles Chapman, and Potts. — Mack Sigmon



Barna Wilder photo

ZEBULON — Frank Allen Tackett, left, is seen here receiving his Veteran's Emblem from Zebulon 609 Master William A. Adams. The award is for his 50 years as a Mason. — Barna Wilder



KENLY — Kenly 257 honored Paul Holland, seated center, during their November 3 meeting. They presented his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years of membership in the lodge. Family members were there for the honor. Seen here, from left, are Janie and Joey Holland and Paul's wife Jean. — Ted Sherrod



ASHEBORO — Hal Hodgin and Wayne Morton, left, recently visited Kirby Threadgill, right, to present his Diamond Jubilee for his 60 years of lodge membership. The Asheboro 699 member is 95 years old and married to his wife Myrtle for 77 years. — Wayne Morton



OXFORD — On September 21, Bobby Powell got the pleasure of raising his son Robbie Powell III to Master Mason. Masons from three states were there to see three new Masons raised in Oxford 122. — Rich Weaver



KINSTON — St. John's 4 raised three new members November 2. Part of the ceremony included Past Master Danny Davis getting to raise his grandson Tyndall Davis. — Lynn Hill



Stedman Masons help local children's services

STEDMAN — David Gray (right), master of Stedman 730 for 2015, presents a check for more than \$2,100 to Joey Leggett, administrator of the Falcon Children's Home, for Christmas. This gift, and three others, were from the proceeds of the lodge's annual golf tournament held in June. From that same tournament, they also gave more than \$4,000 to MHCO. —Thomas Pope



The Grand Historian's Courier Case Honor: "...a showing of unusual merited respect;

By Steven Campbell

It is not difficult to understand why nearly half of the men Brother George Washington entrusted positions of command to were members of our fraternity. He knew that each man who knelt at the altar and undertook their obligation was a man to be trusted. One of the very first was Brother Richard Montgomery.

Memories of Montgomery

Richard Montgomery was born on December 2, 1738, at his father Thomas' estate near Swords, Ireland. Their ancestors had emigrated to Scotland and Ireland from France. Thomas, an ex-soldier, was serving in Parliament when Richard was born. Richard's mother was Mary Franklin, a lady of considerable wealth, and their union would produce four children, three sons and a daughter. All of their sons would serve as officers in the British Army, whilst the daughter Sarah would marry an Irish viscount. Being the son of a wealthy landowner, Richard received a quality education and attended Trinity College in Dublin.

In his 18th year, Richard enlisted in the British Army with a newly purchased ensign's commission. The young officer was assigned to the 17th Regiment and would for eight years "prove his metal" in both war and peace. Just a year after enlisting, he sailed to North America where the Seven Years War (also known as the French and Indian War 1756–1763) raged on between two of the world's powers (England & France). In 1761, Richard was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to the Caribbean theatre of war. He fought gallantly in Cuba and, as a result, was promoted to captain. The climate

in Cuba proved horrid health wise for him and his troops, and as a result his regiment was reassigned to New York to convalesce. It was while in this colony that Richard met and socialized with the very prominent Livingston family. He and the lovely daughter Janet spent much time together before Richard was transferred to the British post of Detroit.

In 1765, Montgomery returned home for the first time in eight years. Upon his return, the young Captain visited his family and began a political alliance with liberal members of the Parliament. Unfortunately, such association with these men hurt Montgomery's chance for further promotion. In April 1772, he sold his commission after having been passed over for the rank of major. The now thirty-four-year-old bachelor returned to New York and purchased a 67-acre farm just 13 miles from New York City at King's Bridge. He resumed his courtship of Janet, and on August 24, 1773, they were married at her parents' home, Clermont. They leased one of her family's farms in Rhinebeck whereupon he took up the duties of a gentleman farmer. Their union proved to be a happy one, yet Richard was apprehensive of beginning a family in such uncertain times. He was selected as a member of the New York Provincial Congress in 1775.

That same year, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia decided to create a Continental Army, placing George Washington in command. With his military experience, Washington knew that qualified officers would be needed to lead this new force. Richard Montgomery was named one of our first brigadier generals. General George Washington personally presented General Montgomery his commission.

As Washington created an army, the Congress envisioned Canada joining the 13 colonies in their struggle against Britain. A small American force made up of militia and volunteers were ordered to invade Canada. This undertaking began in the late fall 1775. When the commanding General Philip Schuyler fell ill, Montgomery assumed command of the 1,000 man force. Though marching hundreds of miles through wilderness regions without roadways, coupled with supply, food, and clothing shortages, near-end enlistments, as well as illness, he was able to capture the towns of St. John's, Chambly and Montreal — two-thirds of settled Canada.

Many of Montgomery's men wished to return home after this harsh trek through the wilderness. Spirits were lifted when 600 reinforcements arrived under the command of then "rising star" Brother Colonel Benedict Arnold. Resupplied and reenergized, the American force forged ahead despite the dropping

temperatures and an outbreak of disease. The American Army captured Quebec. While a siege was in progress, the Americans were in



The Death of General Montgomery December 19, 1775

By John Trumbull, 1786.

duct such an operation. The British soldiers assaulted the city. British soldiers and Canadian militia blocked the American force from getting into and inside Quebec. The British fortified and even small

King Lodge reaches out to Outreach

KING — King 722 has sponsored the King Christmas parade for the last three years. The money they make from the project is spent on charitable community projects. \$1,000 this year went to King Outreach Ministry to help with their Christmas programs. Christmas Parade Chairman Doug Wall is seen here presenting the check to King Outreach Ministry Assistant Director David White. On hand for the presentation were Lodge Treasurer Larry Bridges, his grandson Mason York, Lodge Secretary Larry Oakley, and volunteer workers at the ministry. — Larry Oakley



Family affair in Dunn

DUNN — Palmyra 147 held Past Masters' Night on October 21. The past masters, aided by the regular officers and visitors, conferred the Master Mason's Degree on three candidates, all members of the same family — a father and his two sons. Owen Henry Willis Jr., the father, was raised first so that he could raise his two sons, Christopher Lynn Willis and Matthew Stephenson Willis. Seen here, from left, are Palmyra Master Kevin Matthews, Christopher Lynn Willis, Owen Henry Willis Jr., and Matthew Stephenson Willis. Past Grand Masters Dalton W. Mayo and Gene Tart Jernigan were in attendance. — Jonathan Johnson

a person of superior standing" – Webster's

break of smallpox. y reached the gates of may have proven wiser, a no condition to con-

throughout the town. Yet, on Sunday, December 31, 1775, 22 days after his promotion to major general, Montgomery and Arnold led a predawn attack in a driving snowstorm.

Their initial entry met with success. Upon encountering a second barricade across a street, General Montgomery called to his men, "Come on, my good soldiers, your general calls upon you to come on." Within an instant, the blast from a small cannon extinguished the life of this gallant officer. Several of his staff officers were killed and wounded as well. Close by, Colonel Arnold was wounded and taken off the field by his men. After the death of Montgomery and the wounding of Arnold, the battle evolved into a pell-mell, house-to-house, street-to-

street fight. The remaining Americans who were not killed, captured, or wounded fled the city. When Montgomery fell, a young American captain by the name of Aaron Burr tried, unsuccessfully, to recover his body. It was not

until the following morning, New Year's Day 1776, that the snow covered remains of Montgomery were identified.

British Commander Sir Guy Carlton, who had known Montgomery, ordered that he be afforded a military funeral inside the walls of Quebec. A British captain wrote, "They say he was a gentleman and an agreeable companion." Captured American Private Henry said at his general's funeral, "Montgomery was beloved, because of his manliness of soul, heroic bravery, and quality of manners. He had the voluntary love, esteem, and confidence of the whole Army."

The American invasion of Canada ended in failure. When news of Montgomery's death reached the capital, it was recorded that "the City of Philadelphia was in tears, every person seemed to have lost his nearest friend." General Washington wrote "...In the death of this gentleman, America has sustained a heavy loss, having approved himself a steady friend to her rights and of ability to render her the most essential service." Even in England, Montgomery's death was noted by liberal, pro-American members of Parliament, as well as the press, who lionized his memory.

It would be eight years before independence came; however, Janet Montgomery would never forget "my general, my soldier." After the war, she would continue to live on their estate overlooking the Hudson River. She proved to be a wise and successful businesswoman, investing well in wine production, as well as the silk industry. Many suitors unsuccessfully pursued her hand in marriage. No one could replace Richard, she wrote, "He was indeed an angel sent us for a moment."

Ever mindful of her husband's resting place, Janet endeavored to have his mortal remains returned to the United States. Her continual efforts were thwarted when the War of 1812 erupted. However, ever persevering, Mrs. Montgomery finally met with success 43 years later when her husband's body was disinterred and identified in 1818. Montgomery's coffin lay in state in the New York capital in Albany and was then transported to New York City for interment. On July 8, 1818, with Vice President John C. Calhoun officiating, more than 5,000 citizens attended the funeral ceremonies for one of America's first generals. His grave, in St. Paul's church yard, New York City, is bejeweled by a monument approved by the Continental Congress (it being the first national monument approved). In 1824, his beloved Janet would be laid to rest alongside "her general."

How well thought of and respected was Brother Richard Montgomery? Sixteen states have named counties in his honor (Virginia first/Mississippi 16th). That number is only surpassed by those named in honor of Brother Benjamin Franklin (23), Brother Francis Marion, Brother Nathanael Greene, Brother Lafayette, and Madison (17). North Carolina's Montgomery County was formed from Anson County in 1779. The portion of the county west of the Pee De River became Stanly County in 1841.

Brother Richard Montgomery was a member of Regimental Unity 18 of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Grand Historian Steven Campbell is a member of Blackmer 127 and Wilkerson College 760.



Montgomery in the Attack on Quebec, December 31, 1775

Yale University Art Gallery

. It was decided to assemble soldiers, sailors, and loyal citizens to defend the gates and streets leading to Quebec. Buildings were destroyed and all cannons were placed

TRAVELING THE TARHEEL STATE

Candler

Masonry may be about making good men better, but it's also about taking care of our facilities. With funding from the lodge and special help from two members, Hominy 491 has installed a state-of-the-art projection system in the lodge. In another project, Ron Dula replaced all their old water lines. The lodge enjoyed "substantial savings" on utilities last year as a result of installing a new heating and air conditioning system. A fundraiser with the local Applebees restaurant brought them more than \$1,600 for the building fund.

They spent much of the spring and summer working on the new covered shed at the lodge. Their first event there was a fish fry on August 8. More than 135 people attended. They will be renting the covered facility to help cover the building and maintenance costs of it.

On the charity front, Hominy Lodge held a fundraiser on May 2 at Applebees. They brought in \$1,604 which they divided between the MESH Foundation at WhiteStone, the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, and the North Carolina Masonic Foundation. On May 20, they presented the 2015 Ed Bailey Mathematics Scholarship Award to Anna Sydorksa. Sydorksa graduated from Enka High School with highest math honors.

Hominy Lodge held their Past Masters' and Awards Dinner October 17. They had a large crowd and got to see "many brothers" they had no seen in quite a while. Greg Medford was named Mason of the Year at the event.

— *Newsletter*

Youngsville

A Blood Drive was hosted by Youngsville 377 on December 13.

— Dean Mooney



Hillsborough

Eagle 19 held their 50th Annual Barbecue and Brunswick Stew on November 14. They held the eat-in or take-out at the Hillsborough Exchange Club. Proceeds were going to the Masonic Home for Children. — Keith Morgan

Mosaic 762 members have been showing an interest in the arts of late. The Silverspot Cinema in Chapel Hill has been simulcasting the Metropolitan Opera. On December 12, several Mosaic members were joined there by some members from Eagle 15 to see the Met's performance of Brother Mozart's "The Magic Flute." The next simulcast they were considering was the January 30 showing of Puccini's "Turnadot." Puccini was also a Mason. On January 15, they attended the M. C. Escher and DaVinci *Codex* shows at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh.

One of Mosaic Lodge's most successful fundraisers each year is their Mason Jar Drive. Members toss their daily change into a jar and bring it to lodge for an empty one. Totals each year are divided by Masonic charities.

— *Keith Morgan*

NEWS FROM OUR LODGES

By Ric Carter



Rolesville

Rolesville 683 held their Fish Fry November 6. They served flounder, slaw, and potatoes. — Vann Johnson

Southport

Pythagoras 249 held their Widows Appreciation and Awards Dinner on November 20. Thirteen lodge widows were there for the evening.

James Griffith was named the lodge's 2015 Mason of the Year. John Lewis received the Gene N. Cowan/Marvin McKeithan Award, and Bobby Morris was named Most Promising Mason. Special Recognitions for Work Accomplished were presented to Pat Terry, Jack Terry, and Lewis Weathers.

The winners of the lodge's scholarships were guests also. Elizabeth Haggy and Robert Dalton Adams, both from South Brunswick High School got the \$1,000 grants. — *Newsletter*

Pilot Mountain

Pilot 493 held their Annual Masonic Blood Drive November 23. They held it in the afternoon at the First United Methodist Church. They collected 28 units of their 40 unit goal. They had 11 snack donors to help feed those presenting for possible donation.

Pilot Lodge's October 3 barbecue fundraiser brought in \$1,156.34.

The lodge's annual potluck dinner was held December 14. Members bring covered dishes to the pre-stated meeting meal.

— *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*

Highlands

Blue Ridge 435 had their Christmas party December 12. They held it at Highlands Episcopal Church.

— Gordon Jolly

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"Masons Can"

Food Drive



Feed the Needy

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

Grimesland

Grimesland 475 held their Annual Ladies' Night December 4. Fifty-five people attended the fun at Ephraim Smith's Pig Palace. Roger Mills and Kenneth Ross got their Veteran's Emblems there to recognize their 50 years as Masons.

The lodge's second Annual Pancake Supper was successful. They raised \$2,700 for Masonic charity.

When S. A. Paramore, part of a four-generation family in Grimesland Lodge, passed away October 23, the lodge decided to do a special memorial to him. They started a fund to replace the lodge's officer aprons and clean their funeral aprons.

— *The Grimesland Gavel*

Spruce Pine

Vesper 554 has been having a discussion on the cost of Masonry. They started with a proposal to raise their petition for the degrees fees to \$160. They talked about making petitioners more aware of the financial commitments to Masonry, for dues as well as the charity commitments we also make. They also talked about good candidates who might not be able to afford the fees. They all agreed that in that case there were members of the lodge who would help financially. Overall, the discussion hoped that an increased fee might help "encourage the commitment of an applicant."

At Vesper Lodge's January 7 stated communication, Frank Donald Magee, C. J. Higgins, Charlie Gordon Epley, and Tom Calloway were presented their Veteran's Emblems for their 50 years membership.

The widows of Vesper 554 had Christmas poinsettias delivered to them in December. — *Newsletter*

Hookerton

Jerusalem 95 held their Ladies' Night October 16. During the meeting, Leroy Whitfield was presented an award for his 60 years as a certified lecturer. On hand for the presentation was Grand Master Doug Caudle, Past Grand Master Dalton Mayo, Junior Grand Deacon Mack Sigmon, and Board of Custodians Secretary David Potts.

The economic director at the Greene County manager's office is helping the lodge find a tenant for their commercial building in town.

— *The Jerusalem Journal*

Winston-Salem

Old Town 751 delivered fruit baskets to the lodge's widows on December 19. The crew distributed about 40 baskets after the volunteer crew enjoyed breakfast together.

Old Town Lodge's long-time Secretary Scott Horn was elected a life member of the lodge in December. Life memberships exempt a member from paying dues and honor service to the lodge.

— *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Kernersville

While the new Masonic Center in Winston-Salem has been under construction, the lodges based there have been the guests of several lodges around the area. Salem 289 has been meeting at Kernersville 669. As completion of the new center approaches, Salem Lodge has given Kernersville Lodge an infrared gas grill as a gesture of their appreciation for the hospitality they have enjoyed.

— *The Salem Sentinel*



Eureka! It's a big screen!

OXFORD — On December 12, members of Eureka 317 in Elizabeth City traveled to the Masonic Home for Children here. They went to deliver one of the things from the Home's wish list — a 65-inch television for use in the gymnasium. The gift was funded mostly by the fellowship breakfast the lodge started last year. The lodge picked up the rest of the cost. The breakfasts are held on the third Saturday of each month at the lodge. The event is open to friends and family.

— Paul Miller

Waxhaw

If your kids or grandkids needed pancakes and an audience with Santa, Waxhaw 562 was the place to be December 18. That evening, they brought their children by to enjoy the jolly old elf. Donations to our charities were welcomed.

— Richard Shields

Southern Pines

On November 7, Southern Pines 484 held a Breakfast for Heroes. They were feeding veterans before the town's Veteran's Day Parade.

Southern Pines Lodge is continuing their First Saturday Breakfasts this year. For some good fellowship, come by the lodge at 8:00 A.M. on the first Saturday of each month.

— Gene Maples

Bryson City

Oconee 427 held their Country Breakfast Fundraiser on December 5.

— Warren Saks

Kenansville

St. John's 13 raised \$600 with their pancake breakfast November 7. That was one of the sources the lodge used last year to put money in their charity fund. From that fund, they sent \$1,000 each to the Masonic Home for Children, the MESH Foundation at WhiteStone, and the North Carolina Masonic Foundation.

Charles Taylor, Raymond Turner, and Chad Phillips delivered the lodge's fruit baskets to shut-in members and lodge widows.

— *Lodge Log*

Charlotte

The University of North Carolina-Charlotte men's basketball team invited Masonic groups to their January 23 game against Western Kentucky. They offered them discounted tickets and were to recognize all attending groups during the game.

— *Trestle Board*

Derita 715 held their regular Fish Fry Fundraiser at the Mallard Creek Community House on November 6. You could eat in or take out for ten dollars a plate. They even had homemade desserts.

— Jay Frechette

West Gate 738's 11th Annual Toy Ride was held December 5. The ride ran from the lodge on Bellhaven Boulevard to the Metrolina Shrine Club on Brookshire Boulevard. Participants were bringing cash or gift cards for the Masonic Home for Children.

Richard Murawa has taken over West Gate Lodge's Guardian Angel program. It makes sure the lodge keeps up with their widows and offers them help when needed.

— *News From the West* and Gary Cooke

On November 22, Masons from Phalanx 31, West Gate 738, Knights of Solomon 764, and Metrolina Shrine Club carried 50 kids and their chaperones to the Carolina Panthers/Washington Redskins football game. They were feeding the kids before and after the game and getting them souvenirs of the game.

— Gary Cooke

Elkin

Elkin 454 presented service awards late last year. Fred Norman got his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership. Veteran's Emblems for 50 years in the lodge went to Leon Reece, E. J. Grimsley, Neil Finger, and Burr Hutchison.

— Tommy Wheeler

Hallsboro

The Annual Masonic Pheasant Hunt is scheduled for Honey Hill Hunting Reserve on February 13. Proceeds are going to the Masonic Home for Children.

— James Britt

New Bern

Knights of Solomon 766 participated in the New Bern Harley Ride to the Kennedy Home for Children on November 28. They enjoyed a meal while there.

— Johnny Surles

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Statesville

As has become tradition, Statesville 27's master chooses a theme for his year in office. For 2016, Duane Smyth's theme will be "Quality Masonry for Quality Masons." He is striving to provide an "enriching and fulfilling lodge experience." He goes on to say "Our members deserve quality Masonic programs, well-organized meetings, proficient degree work, well-planned meals, and abundant fellowship... [which] will generate improved attendance and create buzz in our lodge."

Santa visited the Statesville Lodge Breakfast Fundraiser in December. They raised more than \$300 for charity. The lodge also honored the memory of Budd Immesberger by ringing the Red Kettle bell for the Salvation Army on December 8.

The lodge is asking members to donate unused pots and pans for the lodge kitchen.

January 8 was the date of the Annual Masonic Blood Drive. They were holding it at the Statesville Civic Center.

— *The Joppa Informer*

High Point

High Point Mayor William S. Benicini Jr. and the High Point City Council proclaimed December 14, 2015 Freemasonry Day. It was declared in honor of the 140th anniversary of the chartering of Numa F. Reid 344 in 1875.

— Murray Skeen

Members of Numa F. Reid 344 worked two-hour shifts December 18 ringing the bells for the Salvation Army Kettle. It's a project the lodge has helped with for several years.

At their recent Awards Night, Numa F. Reid Lodge presented Del Guthrie and George Lowe their Diamond Jubilees for their 60 years as a Mason. For his 50 years, Bruce Simmons was given his Veteran's Emblem. Then Grand Master Douglas Caudle made the presentations.

— Michael Rinehardt

Concord

On November 14, Concord 32 held their Annual Casino Night. It was also the occasion of their rifle raffle. All proceeds are destined for Masonic charities.

Concord Lodge held their third blood drive of 2015 on November 21. Their goal was twenty donors.

—Thomas A. VanEtten

Holly Springs

The town had their Christmas Parade December 12. The Holly Springs 115 was in the thick of things, marching in the parade as well as having a Brunswick Stew Fundraiser.

— John Dullaghan

Hickory

Hickory 343 hosted a dinner for five needy families December 5. The holiday tradition includes a homemade meal for the families as well as gifts. Santa even made an appearance for the little ones.

— *Hickory Lodge*

Greensboro

Sophia 767 hosted Prestonian Lecturer Ric Berman January 9 at the Greensboro Masonic Temple.

— Doug Calhoun

DeMolays held a Game Night Over Night at the Greensboro Masonic Temple December 12. The kids were bringing snacks, sleeping bags, and gaming consoles.

— Blake Brown

WhiteStone held their first Silent Auction to benefit the community's Food and Toy Drive and Employee Appreciation Fund on December 11.

— Gary Ballance

Howard Coble, 30-year United States Representative of the Sixth congressional district, died November 3. Coble was a member of Guilford 656. At the request of the family, the lodge conducted a Masonic funeral at the family's private graveside service.

—Chester Holder

Gate City 694 held a Steak Dinner Fundraiser November 7. Money raised was for the benefit of the MESH Foundation.

— Gary Ballance

Carthage

Carthage 181 was holding barbecued chicken fundraiser on October 16.

— GeneMaples

Kinston

On December 6, Richard Caswell 705 held a memorial service for area Masons who passed away last year.

— *The Jerusalem Journal*

Atkinson

Grand Master Bryant Webster visited Atkinson 612 December 28. They were celebrating their 100th anniversary.

— Phillip White

Princeton

The new basketball court at Princeton High School has been named for St. Patrick's 617 member Raymond Sugg. The Princeton native coached basketball and baseball there throughout the 1950s, with winning records in both. He joined the lodge in 1961.

— Brent Evans

Smithfield

Fellowship 84 held their Past Masters' and Ladies' Night November 5. The cost was \$20 per person.

— Grover Dees

Mount Gilead

Blackmer 127 held their Annual Ladies' Luncheon on November 1 at a local restaurant. Several dozen lodge members and ladies heard a presentation on Montgomery County's namesake Richard Montgomery.

— S. A. Campbell

Thomasville

The gun raffle at Thomasville 214 earned \$1,900 for the Masonic Home for Children. Phil Younts and Bill Wilson were the winners.

— *Trestle Board*

Salisbury

The Annual Masonic Blood Drive was held January 8 at the Salisbury Masonic Temple.

— Steve Schenk

Gastonia

Gastonia 369 has moved most of its lodge communication to members to email and a telephone calling tree.

— *The Trestle Board*

King Solomon 704 member Harry M. Bryant and his wife Ruby celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary on January 14.

— *The Plumb Line*

Marshville

At Beaver Dam 279's Awards Night, James Hamilton was presented his Diamond Jubilee for his 60 years of lodge membership. Veteran's Emblems went to Jack Coley, Warren Threat, Bunn Pierce, and John Pigg for their 50 years as Masons.

— Hal Dunlap

Walnut Cove

Walnut Cove 629 was celebrating their centennial on January 19.

— *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Cary

November 6 was the date for Cary 198's annual Fall Barbecue. Plates were ten dollars, eat-in or take-out.

— Ben Oaks Jr.

Fayetteville

Phoenix 8 holds a monthly Fellowship Breakfast at 8:00 A. M. on first Saturdays.

— *17th Masonic District*

**Mystic Tie honors past secretary Clapp**

MARION — Theophilus Walton Clapp Jr. was secretary for Mystic Tie 237 from 1976 through 1989. When the lodge celebrated their 150th birthday December 7, they announced their honoring of that service with a Secretary of Distinction award. Clapp is seen here, center, with his son, Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III, left, and Grand Master Bryant Webster, right.

—Walt Clapp



Goldsboro News Argus photo

Lodge erects new flagpole

GOLDSBORO — At 9:11 A.M. on September 11, Goldsboro 634 dedicated their new flagpole in front of the lodge building. They wanted to demonstrate to the public the patriotism of Masons. Woodmen of the World, Goldsboro Chapter 1319, donated the 25-foot pole and flag to the lodge and conducted the dedication ceremony. A detective from the Wayne County Sheriffs Office and a recently retired member of the United States Air Force, both Masons, raised the flag. Sixty-five people gathered, including local dignitaries Wayne County Sheriff Larry Pierce, Goldsboro Police Chief Mike West, and Goldsboro City Fire Chief Gary Whaley. A reception followed. —George Reacher



King is king to kids

KING — For the second consecutive year, several accomplished readers at area elementary schools got a prize at the end of the school year — a brand new bike provided by King 722. Each of those years, local Masons purchased two bikes for students at each of four schools (Mount Olive Elementary, Pinnacle Elementary, Popular Springs Elementary, and King Elementary) who had shown the most improvement in reading skills. This year the bikes were purchased using proceeds from the King Christmas Parade, which is sponsored by King Lodge 722, and supplemented by individual donations from King 722 members. They were presented by lodge members Committee Chairman Ricky Collins, Paul Isaacson, and Junior Morrison. — Larry Oakley

Railroad Degree coming in April

SPENCER — Spencer 543 Master Sam Krohn announces their first Railroad Degree. The old railroad lodge will be going to the North Carolina Transportation Museum's Spencer Shops Roundhouse to hold a Masonic degree Saturday, April 2. Tickets are \$20. Dinner will be served 5:30–6:30 P.M., followed by a train ride to the round house for the degree that will start at 7:00 P.M.

Limited seating is available, so you may want to bring a chair. The second section will be done by the 28th Masonic District Degree Team with Grand Master Bryant Webster in the east. Your ticket covers the meal (drink, burger or hot dog, and chips with extra food available to be purchased), the train ride, and facility rental cost.

This is not a black tie affair! We will be in an old dirty structure with uneven ground (rock, planks, and rails) so dress appropriately. It will be open air, not climate controlled, but it will be covered so it will happen rain or shine. Sign up and get your tickets



Locomotives inside the Spencer Shops
here: <www.eventbrite.com/e/railroad-degree-tickets-20767645587>

T-shirts are M–XL \$12, and 2XL–4XL \$15 pre-sale, add three dollars at the event. For t-shirt pre-sales or donations contact: Sam Krohn (704) 798-8146, <sbkrohn@gmail.com> or Lonnie Melton (704) 239-9472, <lonniemltn@yahoo.com>

You must be a Master Mason in good standing to attend. The North Carolina Transportation Museum is at 411 South Salisbury Avenue, Spencer, NC 28159.



Turntable and roundhouse at the NC Transportation Museum

"Masons Can"

Food Drive



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

Correction

In our last issue, we misidentified Grand Marshal R. David Wicker Jr.'s home lodge. Wicker is a member of Oak Grove 750, Orphans 761, and Mosaic 762. He is an honorary member of Eno 210. We regret the error.

WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS

1	Wright, Charles Cameron	191	Davis, Justin Blake	426	Evans, Ian	667	Babner, Matthew Michael	713	Leatherman, Mitchell David
3	Edwards, Robert Samuel	191	Jeffcoat, Randy Joe	427	Glasgow, Albert Harvey	667	Gonzalez, Julio Nestor	714	Shue, Paul Jason
3	Jensen, Joshua Leigh	191	Vause, Justin Ryan	434	Mulholland, Christopher Garrett	667	Jean-Baptiste, Daryl Marc-Audrey	720	Wise, Jonathan Talmadge
4	Davis, James Tyndall	198	Brown, Parker Ray	435	Curtis, James Melvin	667	McNeil, Jamel Antonio	722	Kiser, Robert Lee
4	Honeycutt, Jacob Roman	198	Holcomb, Lonnie D.	435	Moffitt, Anthony Scott	667	Owens, Roger Dale	730	Arnette, Gregory Keith
4	Villagra, Jovanni Cesar	217	Morrow, John Adam	439	Bullers, Michael Cody	667	Sage, Joseph Douglas	733	Savage Jr., James Douglas
8	Lopes, Roberto A. Ortiz	218	Kupper, Robert Edward	439	Raxter, Jay Westley	669	Grabus, Timothy John	734	Bates, Timothy Michael
8	Reyes, Keith	229	Cash, Michael Houston	446	Barkett, Darren Michael	669	Prescott III, Robert Guy	735	Lee, Jason Parrish
8	Bozard, Kyle Lee	231	Clos, Jonathan Andrew	453	Miller, Michael Steven	669	Brooks, Sharon Lee	735	Weaver, Jonathan Clark
8	Clark, Brian Jesus	231	Jones, David William Ward	459	Brothers III, William Curry	669	Smith, Matthew Baker	736	Jeppson, Gregory Thomas
8	Nobles, Timothy Marshall	231	Nichols, Jonathan Tyler	461	Faris, Bishay Magdy	669	Taylor, Steven Boyd	736	Thompson, Aaron Michael
8	Pilkay, Grant Lewis	231	Steadman, Jody Bridges	461	Simpson, Andrew Link	669	Bodford, William Craig	737	Helping, Kenneth Isaac
8	Martin, Avery Gene	231	Williams, Matthew Brett	463	Snedecor, Shane Evan	670	Guy Jr., Jason Edward	737	Lachacz, Cameron Austin
8	Schuch, Nicholas Lee	231	Nowell, William Timothy	463	Ennis, James Bernard	672	Jackson, Marlon Jerry	737	Moore, Michael Crawford
8	Staley, Jay Tanner	231	Raynor, Joshua Edward Byron	472	Coffey, Donovan T.	676	Best, O'Shae Daquan	737	Souare, Eric Hamed
10	Conner Jr., Ernest Calvin	237	Hoerig, Charles Eugene	472	Fowler, Gary Maxwell Avila	676	Bogan, Brandon Thomas	738	Hamm Jr., Robert Lee
11	Lucas, Alston Alexander	244	Phillips II, Ralph Thomas	473	Moyle, Gerald Elwood	676	Onwuka, Callistus Ogochuku	738	Ivester Jr., Michael James
11	Pointer, John Lea	257	Plummer, Glenn Sanford	473	Moyle, Jeffrey Branden	680	Schmidt, Jeremy Scot	738	Lambert, Carl Edwin
19	Austin, Joshua Daniel	261	Davis, Sam Jerome	479	Baker, Mickey Roy	680	Jenkins, Tomas	738	Landers, William Todd
27	Wright, Michael Todd	261	Barnett, Joshua McNeely	479	Barnes, Ashley Ray	680	Torres Jr., Domingo	741	Daniels, Taylor Martin
31	Morelock, Kevin David	261	Robinson, John Lachmann	479	Emery, Lonnie Shain Fransis	688	Krueger, Mario Allen	741	Fuchs, Charles Michael
31	Ordonio, Jeffrey Vito Cruz	262	Forsyth, Chilo Brackett Garrou	479	Tillman, Chris Curtis	688	Velazquez Jr., Jaime	741	Willis, James Daniel
32	Baker, Charles Edward	262	Lail, Jason Alan	483	Gantt, Jayden Anthony	689	Malone Jr., Elmer Taylor	746	Inglesby III, Alfred James
32	Hopkins, Matthew Frank	263	Wooten, Ray Anthony	484	Brown, Joshua Gamble	691	Chilton, Michael Landon	746	Jellicorse, John Lee
32	Moffitt, Parish Henry	265	Taylor, James Wesley	489	Bertolini, Christopher Anthony	692	Shook, Thomas Larkin	747	Yeatman, Brad Shane
45	Call, Jody Ray	271	Buzzard, Justin Tyler	491	Reynolds, Gregory Alan	692	Kazmirci, Bora Refik	750	Eason, Larry Wayne
45	Clarke, Matthew Jeremiah	271	Foust, Kyle Leonard	493	Childress, Mark Tatum	693	Lambert, Kenneth Wayne	751	Davis, Clayton Drew
45	Pearson, David Allen	272	Ross, David Christopher	493	Martin, Matthew Allen	694	Spivey II, Richard Elton	751	Winfrey, Matthew Ryan
53	Goodwin Jr., Ron Martin	283	Kiser Jr., William Lee	493	White, Jonathan Wade	694	Anderson, Scot Christopher	752	Broome, Joshua Nathaniel
83	McMackins, Micah Steven	283	Lentz, Donald Edward	498	Blackmon, Charles	703	Alley Jr., Joseph Wesley	756	Laboy, Christopher Jose
83	Ramsey, Charles Lloyd	289	Sturgill, Ronald Bryce	500	De La Salle, Mark Antony Jay	703	Barkand, Michael Gary	757	Johnson, William Frank
83	Padgett, Philip Thomas	292	Brown, Jason Scott	500	Ford, Stephen Michael	703	Morton, David Michael	757	Kluttz, Ronald Harper
83	Smith, John Michael	292	Whitener, Heath Joshua	500	Kalambayi, Jeampy Kamba	704	Adams, Stephen Grant	757	Reese, Andrew William
85	Ezell, Jerry Lee	294	Pugh Jr., Richard Wayne	500	Kelly, Daniel Patrick	704	Bingham, Johnny Allan	757	Warren, Joshua Lee
90	Beelendorf, Alek Andrew	301	Morris, Donald Lee	500	Turlington II, David Harold	705	Stroud, Wayne Graham	759	Ross, Andrew Desmond
91	Barker, Andrew Scott	302	Adams, David Michael	502	Harrelson, Russell Dean	705	Daniels, Francis Carroll	762	Shafer, Bradley R.
95	Barber, Wallace Jay	302	Buskirk, Brian Allen	502	Springs, Jacob Lyndon	706	Covington, Jeffrey Scott	762	Haynie, Brent William
95	Conwell, Adam Gordon	304	Stroud, Richard Thurman	502	Springs, Tanner Charles	706	James, George L.	763	Courtright, Michael Thomas
98	Cannady, Coyier Lee	319	Williams, Larry Franklin	515	Pasour, Eric Hubain	713	Jerkins, Thomas Grady	763	Oakley, David Wayne
98	Pope, Jamie Riner	319	Collins, Matthew John	521	Jones, Jonathan Chad	713	Leatherman, Kyle Houston	765	Smith, Donald Floyd
98	Bass, Bryan Keith	319	Piver, Forrest Lee	521	Jameson II, Cory Craven				
98	Edwards, Christopher Paul	322	Rook, Charles Alan	544	Bryant, Christopher Dane				
109	Buttry, Kevin Dean	322	Freeman, Devin Gray	544	Batchelor, Mark Edward				
113	White, Jason Duane	322	Wilson, Joshua Brandon	550	Puckett, Jonathan David				
114	Mearns, David Bruce	340	Suggs, David Edward	552	Jordan, Jarrett Benjamin				
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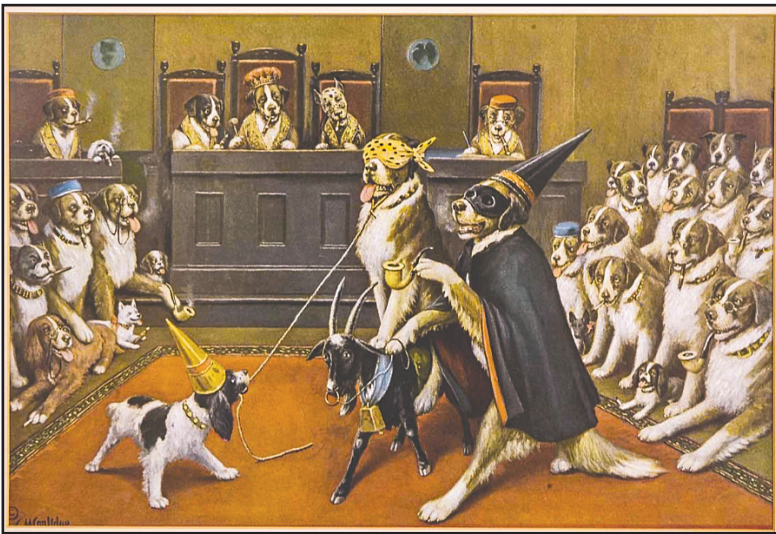
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Iconic American kitsch included fraternal fun

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK — Cassius Marcellus Coolidge, aka Kash Koolidge, (1844–1934) is famous for his paintings of dogs playing poker. The life-long New Yorker was hired in 1903 to paint sixteen pictures of dogs to advertise cigars for Brown and Bigelow. Among the mostly poker and pool depictions of blue collar pups at leisure was one entitled *Riding the Goat* which clearly mocked an old Masonic joke regarding an initiation myth of the fraternity. According to several sources, Coolidge was a Mason in his hometown of Antwerp, NY.



From the Medical Committee

Beware of e-cigarettes

By Marty Fischer

You have all heard about them. Most of the consumers using them use nicotine cartridges. Some use more dangerous products. They have been touted as a means to quit smoking.

Thus far, there has been no evidence to prove that they are effective in this regard. The only positive evidence for them is that asthmatics who switched from tobacco to e-cigarettes had better lung function at one year.

There is very good evidence that responses of the lungs to e-cigarette smoke are similar to lung responses to ordinary cigarettes. This includes production of formaldehyde in levels similar to tobacco cigarettes.

There are thousands of compounds

in the smoke to be identified as to their possible role as pathogens, just as with tobacco cigarettes. There have been numerous calls to poison control centers regarding nicotine overdoses in adults using e-cigarettes.

Perhaps most disturbing, have been the results of a survey showing that nearly half of those using e-cigarettes are interested in using tobacco cigarettes. As of a few months ago, these products were not regulated by the FDA Center for Tobacco Products. So don't count on our government to give us the best advice about these dangerous products.

Marty Fischer is a member of Polk County Unity 482.

Come to the Egg Hunt



GREENSBORO — Come join the 23rd Masonic District and WhiteStone: A Masonic & Eastern Star Community for some hopping fun at the Home's Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 10:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. on March 19. All WhiteStone residents, employees, Masons, and Eastern Stars, and their children or grandchildren are invited to take part in this special event. An Easter Egg Hunt for children ten and under, will be featured, along with a picture opportunity with the Easter Bunny, and a hot dog lunch for all. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 10:30 A.M. To RSVP or to make a donation to offset the costs of the event, contact Gina Prevost, Director of Community Life Services at (336) 510-4802 or <gprevost@liveat-whitestone.org> by Monday, March 14.



Crown Point Junior Deacon Christian Lockamy (co-chair), Kyle Blackmon, Bryn Blackmon, and Sixth District Deputy Grand Lecturer Justin Robinson are seen here with their banks.

Crown Point plays Stuff the Pig

By Rufus Walston

GREENVILLE — Crown Point 708 recently adopted a Stuff the Pig campaign which fills red piggy banks with spare change to help the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. Nine-year-old Bryn Blackmon was the first star of the program, filling her first pig in nine days. She got her friends to help. Bryn said, "God has given me so much, and I wanted to share with the children at the Masonic Home."

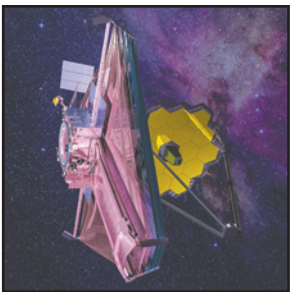
Senior Warden Scott McLaurin offered his drama and speech classes a free breakfast

with his challenge for them to help. They returned 34 pigs in less than a week.

The lodge's Home for Children Committee chose the project because in addition to raising money, it raises awareness of the Home in the larger community. It also attracts the attention of potential new members.

The first batch of banks were distributed in May. By the end of July, 61 pigs had been returned along with more than \$650 for the Home.

— Rufus Walston



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The test rack in NASA's
thermal vacuum chamber to
test the mirror array of the
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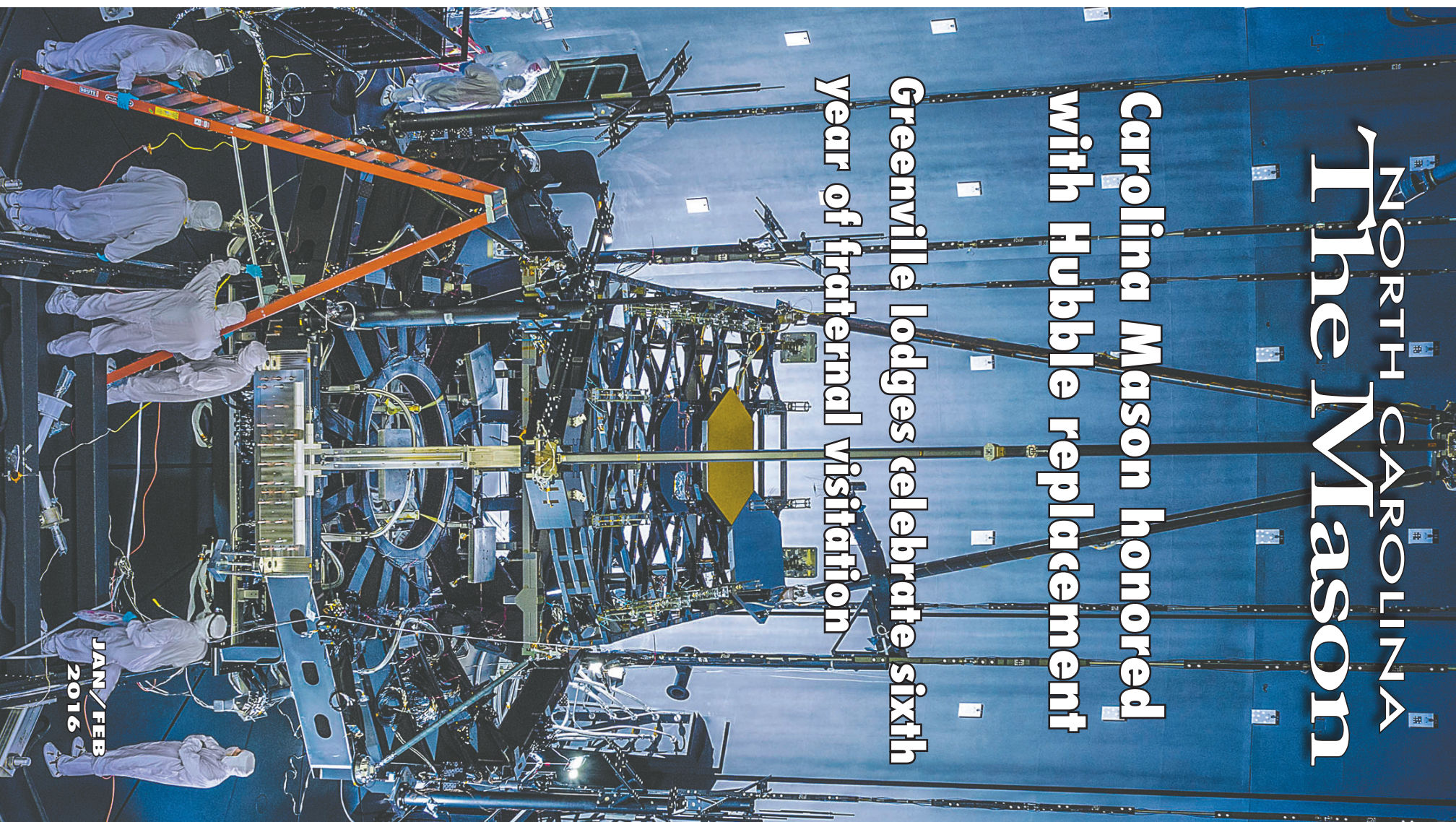
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