

Proceedings
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Of
Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons
Of
North Carolina



2007



W. Berry Rigdon
Grand Master 2007

Wallace Berry Rigdon

Wallace Berry Rigdon, our 154th grand master, was born January 30, 1946, in Buncombe County, the second son of J. B. Olin (Jack) Rigdon deceased and Eula Vance Rigdon. His only brother Thomas Olin (Tucker) Rigdon lives next door with his family in Haywood County, Waynesville. By a former marriage, he has two sons, Timothy Berry Rigdon and his wife Lynda Ingle Rigdon and their 16-year-old son Colton Dakota Rigdon. Second son, Richard Rhyan Rigdon and his wife Jennifer Cagle Rigdon have two sons, 13-year-old Zachery Rhyan Rigdon and ten-year-old Levi Coy Rigdon. Berry and Roseanna S. Rigdon were married on June 14, 1986, and they have two children by her former marriage. Robin Marie Greene and her husband Michael Greene reside in Charlotte with their two-year-old twins Mason Blake Greene and Rylie Elizabeth Greene. Jason Scott Denton and his wife Gretchen Merritt Denton have two children, six-year-old son Bryce Alexander Denton and two-year-old daughter Presley Elizabeth Denton.

Rigdon attended public school in Haywood County, and, in June 1964, graduated from Bethel High School. He attended Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee for two years before joining the family business, Southern School Service, Inc., in 1966. In 1990 he left to join his wife Roseanna, at Candler Insurance Agency. As a member of Canton Presbyterian Church, he has served as elder 1995–97, and 2001–03.

Speculative Masonry

He was raised a Master Mason on June 7, 1984, in Sonoma 472, in Canton and served as master there in 1991. Rigdon served on Board of General Purposes for the Grand Lodge in 1999. He is grand representative to the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Grand Master Charles E. Cathey appointed him to the Grand Lodge line as grand steward in 2000.

Capitular Masonry

He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Waynesville Chapter 69 in 1984. He served as high priest in 1990 and received Order of High Priest the same year. He was grand high priest of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina in 1998. Rigdon is currently grand Royal Arch representative to Alabama. He is now on the Royal Arch Board of General Purposes and chairman of Carson York Rite Library. He received the North Carolina Royal Arch Medal for Distinguished Service to Freemasonry in March 1992, General Grand Chapter Silver Distinguished Service Award 1996, and General Grand Chapter Bronze Distinguished Service Award 1997. He was ambassador in

North Carolina for 1999–2002 Triennial and 2002–05 Triennial for General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

Cryptic Masonry

He was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Doric Council 20, in 1984 and served as illustrious master in 1994. He received the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree in 1994, and the Simmons Jones Baker Medal award in 1999. He is their grand representative to Utah.

Chivalric Orders

He was knighted a Knight Templar in Waynesville Commandery 31 in 1984 and served as Commander in 1992. He received the Knight Crusaders of the Cross in 1992, is a life sponsor of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, and a member of Grand Masters Club of Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Scottish Rite

In September 1984, he joined Valley of Asheville Scottish Rite serving as venerable master of Asheville Lodge of Perfection in 2000, wise master of Buncombe Chapter Rose Croix in 2007, and turcopolier in Asheville Council of Kadosh in 2007. He is past master of Kadosh of Asheville Consistory. He received the rank and decoration KCCH in 1995 and was coroneted inspector general honorary in 2001.

Other Appendant Bodies

In 1996, he served as governor of Smoky Mountain York Rite College 172 and is a dual member of Western North Carolina College 78, serving as secretary one year. Among his many honors and offices are Order of Purple Cross of York, 1998; grand governor of North Carolina in July 2006–2008; current senior general in St. John of Patmos Conclave of the Order of Red Cross of Constantine; past sovereign of Waynesville Allied Masonic Degrees 224; KYCH in Lily of the Valley Priory 1 and KYGCH in 1999; and master of ceremonies of St. Patricks Council 1 Knights Masons. He is a member of Roanoke Council No. 1 Royal and Select Masters; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests Holy Sepulchre III; North Carolina College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis; and Scottish Rite Research Society; Royal Order of Scotland. He is past patron of Sonoma 254 Order of the Eastern Star and past district deputy patron. In November 1984, he joined Oasis Shrine and is a member of the Buncombe County Shrine Club and Tri-County Shrine Club. He is a member of Order of Bath; Order of Cork; and St Thomas of Acon.

Past Grand Masters

A list of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina from 1787 to 2006 inclusive, and dates when elected.

Samuel Johnston	1787, 1789–91	Richard J. Noble	1899
Richard Caswell	1788	B. S. Royster	1900–01
Wm. R. Davie	1792–98	H. I. Clark	1902–03
William Polk	1799–1801	W. S. Liddell	1904–05
John L. Taylor	1802–04, 1814–16	Francis D. Winston	1906–07
John Hall	1805–07	Samuel M. Gattis	1908–09
Benjamin Smith	1808–10	Richard N. Hackett	1910–11
Robert Williams	1811–13	W. B. McKoy	1912
Calvin Jones	1817–19	F. M. Winchester	1913
John A. Cameron	1820–21	John T. Alderman	1914
James S. Smith	1822	F. P. Hobgood Jr	1915
Robert Strange	1823–24	A. B. Andrews Jr.	1916
H. G. Burton	1825–26	Claude L. Pridgen	1917
L. D. Wilson	1827–29	George S. Norfleet	1918
R. D. Spaight Jr.	1830–31	Henry A. Grady	1919
S. J. Baker	1832	James C. Braswell	1920
S. F. Patterson	1833–34	J. Bailey Owen	1921
L. H. Marsteller	1835–36	James H. Webb	1922
D. W. Stone	1837–39	Hubert McN. Poteat	1923
S. J. Baker	1840	James LeG. Everett	1924
D. L. Crenshaw	1841	Leon Cash	1925
J. H. Wheeler	1842–43	John E. Cameron	1926
P. W. Fanning	1844–46	John H. Anderson	1927
W. F. Collins	1847–49	Raymond C. Dunn	1928
A. J. Jenkins	1850–52	John J. Phoenix	1929
Clement H. Jordan	1853–54	E. W. Timberlake Jr.	1930
P. A. Holt	1855–56	J. W. Winborne	1931
Alfred Martin	1857–58	H. C. Alexander	1932
Lewis S. Williams	1859–60	P. T. Wilson	1933
W. G. Hill	1861	R. F. Ebbs	1934
E. F. Watson	1862–63	Charles B. Newcomb	1935
John McCormick	1864	J. Giles Hudson	1936
E. G. Reade	1865–66	Watson N. Sherrod	1937
R. W. Best	1867	Harry T. Patterson	1938
Robert B. Vance	1868–69	J. Edward Allen	1939
Charles C. Clark	1870–71	Thomas J. Harkins	1940
John Nichols	1872–73	Charles P. Eldridge	1941
George W. Blount	1874–75	James E. Shipman	1942
Horace H. Munson	1867–77	James W. Payne	1943
William R. Cox	1878–79	Julius C. Hobbs	1944
Henry F. Grainger	1880–81	Clyde H. Jarrett	1945
Robert Bingham	1882–84	William J. Bundy	1946
Fabius H. Busbee	1885–86	Luther T. Hartsell Jr.	1947
C. H. Robinson	1887–88	Maxwell E. Hoffman	1948
Samuel H. Smith	1889–90	Wilkins P. Horton	1949
Hezekiah A. Gudger	1891–92	Wallace E. Caldwell	1950
John W. Cotten	1893–94	Herbert M. Foy	1951
Frances M. Moye	1895–96	William H. White	1952
Walter E. Moore	1897–98	Edwin T. Howard	1953

Robert L. Pugh	1954	Nelson B. Banks	1981
Charles H. Pugh	1955	A. C. Honeycutt	1982
John C. Vance	1956	Cecil J. Liverman	1983
Charles A. Harris	1957	I. Boyd Hopkins	1984
James G. Johnston	1958	Norburn C. Hyatt.	1985
W. Eli Hand	1959	Walter F. McCall.	1986
Harvey W. Smith	1960	Eddie P. Stiles.	1987
James W. Brewer	1961	Lee Roy Thomas Jr.	1988
Charles C. Ricker	1962	Jerry G. Tart	1989
W. Edward Burrier	1963	Bunn T. Phillips Jr.	1990
G. Dudley Humphrey	1964	Lester Poindexter Martin Jr.	1991
Sam A. Hennis Jr.	1965	Ray Norris	1992
Arnold J. Koonce	1966	Richard G. Moore	1993
Alfred A. Kafer Jr.	1967	William Bailey Brunk	1994
Robert N. Bass Jr.	1968	Clifton W. Everett Jr.	1995
William A. Hooks	1969	William H. Simpson	1996
Maurice E. Walsh	1970	Gerry T. Smith	1997
William W. Mims Jr.	1971	Thomas W. Gregory	1998
Berl M. Kahn	1972	Charles M. Ingram	1999
Nathaniel C. Dean	1973	Charles E. Cathey	2000
William L. Mills Jr.	1974	William G. Mathis	2001
S. Frank Noble Jr.	1975	Jerry R. Tillett	2002
Leslie H. Garner	1976	Charles A. Lewis Jr.	2003
J. Earl Watson	1977	Leonard Y. Safrit Jr.	2004
Jacob C. Goodman Jr.	1978	Graham W. Pervier.	2005
William B. Bellois	1979	Gene T. Jernigan	2006
E. Stansil Aldridge	1980		

Officers of the Grand Lodge of AF & AM of North Carolina 2007

Elected Officers

Wallace Berry Rigdon (472)	Grand Master
David Ronald Cash (374).....	Deputy Grand Warden
Dan Charles Rice (409).....	Senior Grand Walden
William L. Dill (3).....	Junior Grand Warden
Clifton W. Everett Jr., PGM (708).....	Grand Treasurer
T. Walton Clapp III (237).....	Grand Secretary

Appointed Officers

Lewis R. Ledford (27).....	Senior Grand Deacon
Robert E. Gresham Jr. (703).....	Junior Grand Deacon
Dewey R. Preslar Jr. (576).....	Grand Marshal
Dalton W. Mayo (98).....	Grand Steward
James L. Medlin (358)	Grand Steward
Douglas S. Moore (244).....	Grand Tyler
A. Ed Lawing (217).....	Grand Chaplain
Michael W. Brantley (500)	Grand Historian
D. Allen Surratt (404).....	Grand Lecturer
Jerry R. Tillett, PGM (521).....	Grand Orator
Jimmie B. Hicks Jr. (3).....	Judge Advocate

Past Grand Officers

S. Frank Noble Jr. (3)	Grand Master 1975
Leslie H. Garner (708)	Grand Master 1976
A. C. Honeycutt (40)	Grand Master 1982
Norburn C. Hyatt (118)	Grand Master 1985
Walter F. McCall (530)	Grand Master 1986
L. R. Thomas Jr. (724)	Grand Master 1988
Bunn T. Phillips Jr. (495)	Grand Master 1990
Lester P. Martin Jr. (134)	Grand Master 1991
Richard G. Moore (544)	Grand Master 1993
William B. Brunk (40)	Grand Master 1994
Clifton W. Everett Jr. (708)	Grand Master 1995
William H. Simpson (428)	Grand Master 1996
Gerry T. Smith (741)	Grand Master 1997
Thomas W. Gregory (27)	Grand Master 1998
Charles M. Ingram (13)	Grand Master 1999
Charles E. Cathey (472)	Grand Master 2000
William G. Mathis (138)	Grand Master 2001
Jerry R. Tillett (521)	Grand Master 2002
Charles A. Lewis Jr. (1)	Grand Master 2003
Leonard Y. Safrit Jr. (109)	Grand Master 2004
Graham W. Pervier (707)	Grand Master 2005
Gene T. Jernigan (206)	Grand Master 2006
William L. Mills III (32)	Deputy Grand Master 2000

Boards and Committees

Board of General Purposes

Barry W. Rigdon (472) Grand Master
David R. Cash (374) Deputy Grand Master
Dan C. Rice (409) Senior Grand Warden
William L. Dill (3) Junior Grand Warden
2007 — Charles Speed Hallman (19) 2007 — Danial M. Hogue (576)
2008 — Richard G. Moore (544) 2008 — Jerry R. Tillett (521)
2009 — Graham W. Pervier (707) 2009 — Johnny David Sutphin (561)

Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc.

W. Berry Rigdon (472) Grand Master
David R. Case (374) Deputy Grand Master
Dan C. Rice (409) Senior Grand Warden
William Lynn Dill (3) Junior Grand Warden - Observer
2007 — Elaine F. Marshall 2007 — Douglas L. Caudle (27), Chairman
2007 — James A. Wiley (3) 2007 — Marion Kirby Matthew Jr. (404)
2008 — Tommy Eller (283) 2008 — Francisco Ortiz (680)
2008 — Patricia Fulcher 2008 — Helen Collie
2009 — John David Cashion (435) 2009 — Ronald D. Graves (138)
2009 — Holly Hafer 2009 — Joseph A. Adegboyega (685)

Board of Directors of The Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Inc.

W. Berry Rigdon (472) Grand Master
David R. Cash (374) Deputy Grand Master
Dan Rice (409) Senior Grand Warden
William Lynn Dill (3) Junior Grand Warden - Observer
2007 — Joel A. Black Jr. (685) 2007 — W. Calvin Gaddy (64)
2007 — E. John Elmore (409) 2008 — William B. Brunk (40)
2008 — Robert Thomas Dooley (738) 2008 — William T. Hutchins (158)
2009 — David Melvin Crisp (634) 2009 — Bryant Deleron Webster (650)

Board of Directors of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc.

2007 — William G. Mathis (138) 2008 — James G. Martin (31)
2009 — Charles E. Scott (289) 2010 — William H. Simpson (428)
2011 — David B. Wilson (758)

Board of Publication

2007 — Eddie H. Moody Jr. (685) Chairman
2008 — Thomas A. Pope (730) 2009 — Donald E. Bolden (409)
2010 — John O. Newman (358) 2011 — Hugh K. Terrell Jr. (472)

Board of Custodians

W. Berry Rigdon (472) Grand Master
Dolan Allen Surret (404) Grand Lecturer
2007 — Dalton W. Mayo (98), Chairman
2007 — Stewart C. Hodges (669) 2008 — Mitchell L. Spruill (7)
2008 — Dwight M. Sigmon (248) Secretary 2009 — John William Couch (387)
2009 — Robert Steven James (259)

Lodge Service Commission

- 2010 — Ronald J. Bowers (99) Chairman
 2007 — Thomas R. Jackson Jr. (257) 2008 — Ralph V. Shipton (1)
 2009 — Keith B. Rash (299) 2011 — Christopher Louis Burti (517)

Commission on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities

- 2009 — J. Luigi Ammons (97) Chairman
 2007 — S. Ray Ashby (629) 2008 — Albert M. Jones (408)

Code Commission

- 2007 — Louis O. Dean Jr. (8) 2008 — William L. Mills III (32)
 2009 — Larry B. Thompson Jr. (127) 2010 — Bryant D. Webster (650)
 2011 — Robert Charles Kraus (145)

Committee on Finance

- David R. Cash (374) Deputy Grand Master
 Dan C. Rice (409) Senior Grand Warden
 William Lynn Dill (3) Junior Grand Warden
 2008 — G. Glenn Adams (515) Chairman
 2007 — George E. Lanvermeier Jr. (83) 2007 — Daniel R. Bishop (708)
 2007 — David L. Hargett Jr. (244) 2008 — E. Craig Howard (379)
 2008 — Samuel D. Vaughn Jr. (750) 2009 — Samuel E. Lee II (40) (704)
 2009 — Paul Calvin Holbrook (483) 2009 — Ralph Phillips Presley (118)

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

- David R. Cash (374) Deputy Grand Master
 Dan C. Rice (409) Senior Grand Warden
 William Lynn Dill (3) Junior Grand Warden
 2008 — Oscar W. Harbin Jr. (482) Chairman
 2007 — Lester P. Martin Jr. (134) 2007 — C. Truett Chadwick (707)
 2007 — Douglas S. Moore (244) 2007 — Michael A. Brooks (685)
 2008 — James H. Baker Jr. (8) 2008 — Leonard Y. Safrit Jr. (109)
 2008 — Benjamin D. Forrest III (475) 2009 — Wayne Douglas Walker (262)
 2009 — William Russell Howell (427) 2009 — Gene Tart Jernigan (206)
 2009 — Lloyd Hise Jr. (554)

Committee on Appeals

- 2009 — Thomas D. Haigwood (284) Chairman
 2007 — R. Glenn Capps (679) 2008 — Jerry R. Tillet (521)
 2010 — Scott T. Horn (751) 2011 — Joseph Burton Howard (650)

Committee on Masonic Education

- 2009 Daniel Paul Weatherington (712), Chairman
 2007 Richard J. Smith (493) 2007 Jon A. Canupp (755)
 2007 M. Kirby Matthews (404) 2008 Clayton L. Wright (676)
 2008 William S. Towne (408) 2008 W. Kenneth Whichard (112)
 2009 Merritt R. Newman IV (551) 2009 George Vernon Webber (301)

Committee on Masonic Public Relations

2010 Walter J. Klein (261), Chairman

2007 Augustus C. Everette Jr. (1) 2008 Jeffrey D. Martin (746)
2009 C. Ray Hall (76) 2011 James Edward Reddish (578)

Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

Thomas Warren Gregory (27)

Committee on the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc

Lewis Ray Ledford (27) Sr. Grand Deacon — Chairman

James Alonzo Griffin (386) Stanley Grover Henson (472)
Mitchell Bruce Arrowood (439) Frank Ronald Reece (292)

Committee on Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Inc.

Robert Elvis Gresham Jr. (703) — Chairman

Boyd Eugene Canter (472) Dennis Edwin Wilkey (459)
Dennis Lee Hurst (435) Carroll Wayne Stockton (472)

Committee on Masonic and Miscellaneous Publications

C. Speed Hallman, (19) Chairman

Lloyd George Phillips (358) Ray Bailey (491)
Curtis James Hipps (446) James Ray Fore (472)

Committee on Charters and Dispensations

Carroll Roy Melton (401) — Chairman

Burrell Joe Clark (453) David Robert Stewart (293)
William Reginald Penley (146) Bentley Craig Rogers (472)

Committee on Permanent Building

2007 — E. Sean Honeycutt (500)

2008 — John S. Miller Jr. (530) 2009 — John Albert Bass Jr. (500)

Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges

2007 Dewey Lynn Keller (262)

Committee on Charity

Edward Earl Wells (151) Chairman

Committee on Credentials

Donald A. Bennett (686)

Thomas V. Fahnestock Jr. (97) G. Donald Greene (534)

Committee on Necrology

Tommy Leon Jones (746)

Committee on Unfinished Business

Dennis Lee Cook (64)

Committee on Youth Organizations

Charles V. Rouse Jr. (40)

Jack William Parton (427)

Eric Matthew Sneed (426)

Jeffery Willard Clark (529)

Vann Buren Gibbs Jr. (170)

**Representative to the George Washington
Masonic National Memorial Association**

Charles E. Cathey (472)

**Representative to the Masonic Service Association
of the United States**

Charles E. Cathey (472)

Grand Lodge Library Committee

Clifton W. Everett Jr. (708)

T. Walton Clapp III (237)

Larry B. Thompson (127)

Michael W. Brantley (500)

Richard E. Carter (675)

District Officers

District Deputy Grand Master	District	District Deputy Grand Lecturer
Wayne Roger Lambertson (53)	1	Mitchell Leroy Spruill (7)
Robert Raymond Despo (747)	2	Hyler Wayne Cox (328)
John William Riffert Jr. (675)	3	Johnny Marvin Smith (509)
John Joseph Brown (680)	4	Russell Elton Jones (83)
William Eley Blanchard (39)	5	Johnny Love Reynolds (418)
David John Stapleton (734)	6	Bennie James Heath (132)
Charles Augustus Wethington (583)	7	Russell Matthew Rainear (688)
Henry Floyd Wright (497)	8	Walter James Williams, Jr. (519)
Robert Alan Sitton (85)	9	Victor Michelle Hall (602)
William Darron Flowers (613)	10	Michael Conrad Saviak III (208)
Charles Edward Taylor (677)	11	Edward Earl Wells (98)
Billy June Graves (138)	12	Robert Earl Russ, Sr. (395)
Charles Leonard Phipps Jr. (499)	13	John William Hudson (735)
Bruce Elmo Marshburn (165)	14	John William Davis III (218)
James Robert Stevens Jr. (701)	15	Scott Alan Cook (277)
Charles Emerson Coats Jr. (191)	16	Kevin Donald Hardison (431)
Horace Roby Wyatt (646)	17	Michael Thomas Klack (679)
James Delvin Herring (474)	18	Robert Glenn Capps (679)
Herbert Currie Lyon (210)	19	Ralph David Wicker, Jr. (750)
Garland Eugene Smith (151)	20	Donald Alton Bennett (686)
David Hubert Troxell (305)	21	Kenneth Edgar Lewis (654)
Dwight Wayne Crews (409)	22	vacant
Paul Shaun Bradshaw (428)	23	Kevin Protus Wood (681)
Larry Bogan Thompson Jr. (127)	24	Charles Ray Williams (699)
Eric Brooks Morrison (691)	25	John Lewis Hice (616)
William Robert Adams (669)	26	George Cooper Page (669)
Ervin Walter Allen Jr. (473)	27	James Franklin Fulton (752)
Kenneth Lee Davis Sr. (626)	28	Thomas Arthur Thompson (576)
Billy Wilson Canupp Jr. (244)	29	James Ray Mills (749)
Joseph Patrick Link (27)	30	Keith Bradley Rash (299)
Billy Max Walker (692)	31	Troy Ross Price (738)
James Jefferson Hightower (461)	32	Clayton Lee Wright (676)
Alvin Leonard Hardy (363)	33	Thomas Lee Hartman (594)
John Thompson Parlier Sr. (262)	34	Wendell Morris Powell (670)
John Walter Hunt (579)	35	James Edward Jenkins (744)
William Gary McKinney (544)	36	William Theodore Cope (713)
Jadd Wesley Brewer (598)	37	Lloyd Hise, Jr. (554)
Manuel Austin Bradley (605)	38	David Lionel Cochran (381)
Donald Edward Laney (663)	39	Wilson Todd Lancaster (446)
James Michael Hooper (472)	40	Winston A. Riddle (427)
James Lawrence Hyde (672)	41	Michael Lewis Morgan (301)

First Day Morning Session

At 10:00 A.M. Friday, September 28, 2007, at the Twin City Quarter in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was called to order for the purpose of opening its 220th Annual Communication.

Presentation of Colors

The Heroes of '76 of National Sojourners presented the colors.

The district deputy grand masters, district deputy grand lecturers, distinguished guests, past grand officers, and the Grand Lodge officers under escort of Grand Marshal Dewey R. Preslar Jr. were received and conducted to their stations and places. There being a constitutional number of lodges represented, Grand Master Wallace Berry Rigdon opened the Grand Lodge in ample form.

Recognition of DDGMs and DDGLs and Distinguished Guests

Grand Marshal Preslar introduced the district deputy grand masters and district deputy grand lecturers of North Carolina as a body. He also introduced the distinguished guests representing other Masonic jurisdictions and appendant bodies. Grand Master Rigdon welcomed them and they were accorded private grand honors by the Masons present.

Grand Lodge Officers Present

W. Berry Rigdon	Grand Master
David R. Cash	Deputy Grand Master
Dan C. Rice	Senior Grand Warden
William L. Dill	Junior Grand Warden
Clifton W. Everett Jr., PGM	Grand Treasurer
T. Walton Clapp III	Grand Secretary
Lewis R. Ledford	Senior Grand Deacon
Robert E. Gresham Jr.	Junior Grand Deacon
Dewey R. Preslar Jr.	Grand Marshal
Dalton Mayo	Grand Steward
James L. Medlin	Grand Steward
Douglas S. Moore	Grand Tyler
A. Ed Lawing	Grand Chaplain
Michael W. Brantley	Grand Historian
D. Allen Surratt	Grand Lecturer
Jerry R. Tillett	Grand Orator
Jimmie B. Hicks Jr.	Judge Advocate

Past Grand Masters Present

Leslie Holland Garner	1976
Ava Clarence Honeycutt	1982
Walter Franklin McCall	1986
Lester Poindexter Martin Jr.	1991
Richard Groves Moore	1993

William Bailey Brunk	1994
Clifton White Everett Jr	1995
Gerry Theodore Smith	1997
Thomas Warren Gregory	1998
Charles Marshall Ingram	1999
Charles Edward Cathey	2000
William Graham Mathis	2001
Jerry Reginald Tillet	2002
Charles Albert Lewis Jr.	2003
Leonard Yearby Safrit Jr.	2004
Graham W. Pervier	2005
Eugene Tart Jernigan	2006

Representative of Lodges Present

The following officers or proxies of the subordinate lodges registered to vote at Annual Communication. † denotes proxy.

1 St John's

M	Larry Clinton Brown
SW	Robert Francis Chevalier
JW	Lignell William Hood III

2 Royal White Hart

M	Arnold Gene Cobb Jr. †
SW	Arnold Gene Cobb Jr. †
JW	Arnold Gene Cobb Jr. †

3 St. John's

M	Billy Roy Joiner
SW	John McDonald Walston †
JW	Douglas Lee Soltow †

4 St. John's

M	Kenneth Durwood Tyndall
SW	Warren Monroe Tyndall Jr.
JW	Kenneth Durwood Tyndall †

5 Charity

M	Mike Cashion †
SW	Mike Cashion †
JW	Mike Cashion †

7 Unanimity

M	Holly Jacinto Colombo III
SW	Gladston Vaughan McDaniel
JW	Randy Wayne Hughes

8 Phoenix

M	Gary John Muller
SW	Gerald Manning Williams
JW	Gaylord Leroy Boitnott

10 Johnston Caswell

M	Billy Franklin Jarrell
SW	Danny Lee Short Jr.
JW	Eddie Clayton †

11 Caswell Brotherhood

M	Rodney Stephen Orr
SW	Wilbur Thomas Harrelson
JW	Rodney Stephen Orr †

13 St. John's

M	Raymond Lee Turner Jr.
SW	Raymond Lee Turner Jr. †
JW	Raymond Lee Turner Jr. †

17 American George

M	Randolph Woodard Whitley †
SW	Randolph Woodard Whitley †
JW	Randolph Woodard Whitley †

19 Eagle

M	Thomas Gregg Phillips
SW	Jimmy Darren Womble
JW	Thomas Gregg Phillips †

27 Statesville

M	Ramon Thomas Thompson
SW	Benjamin C. Stikeleather †
JW	Adrian Joseph Bustle

31 Phalanx

M	Paul Poley †
SW	Joseph Ralph Linn Jr.
JW	Juergen Peter Schuetz

32 Stokes

M	Bobby Wallace Puckett Jr.
SW	Harry William Blume
JW	William Thomas Hughes

39 Davie

M	William Eley Blanchard †
SW	William Eley Blanchard †
JW	William Eley Blanchard †

40 Hiram

M James McNeely Barham
 SW Kenneth Lee McDilda
 JW Clifford Horace Henline Jr.

45 Liberty

M Patrick Perry Prevett
 SW Doug Triplett†
 JW Charles Allen Hale Jr.

53 Hall

M Benjamin G. Roberts†
 SW Robert Charles Wood
 JW Dempsey Burnette Forbes Jr.

58 Concord

M Sturat Beckwith Moore Jr.
 SW Hartwell Hight Fuller Jr.
 JW John Garland Andrews Jr.

59 Perseverance

M James Randall Taylor
 SW Donald Porter†
 JW William Harris Wallace Jr.

64 Kilwinning

M Dennis Lee Cook
 SW Dennis Lee Cook†
 JW Dennis Lee Cook†

75 Widow's Son

M Larry Toxey McPherson
 SW Richard Francis Seymour
 JW Larry Toxey McPherson†

76 Greensboro

M Charles Ray Chaney
 SW Jefferson Thomas Ebert†
 JW Robert Stephen West

81 Zion

M Johnny Craig Surles
 SW Franklin Lane Eubank
 JW Ricky Lee Hawkins

83 Lafayette

M Arthur Leonard Thorne
 SW James Patrick Fitzgibbons
 JW Michael Furry Powell†

84 Fellowship

M Timothy Kent Evans
 SW Jack Bryan Wooten III
 JW absent

85 Morning Star

M Ralph Milton Howell Jr.†
 SW Ralph Milton Howell Jr.†
 JW Ralph Milton Howell Jr.†

90 Skewarkee

M David L. Hughes†
 SW David L. Hughes†
 JW Rod Hughes†

91 Western Star

M Jonathan Robert Ward
 SW John Alberta James Byrd Jr.
 JW Howard Lane†

92 Joseph Warren

M Louis Arthur Laumann
 SW Robert J. Austin†
 JW Louis Arthur Laumann†

95 Jerusalem

M Vann Ray Cranford
 SW James R. Langley Jr.
 JW Van Ray Cranford†

97 Millbrook

M Jason Todd Campbell
 SW Richard Colbert Matlack Jr.
 JW Rudolph T. Bartholomew

98 Hiram

M Ronnie T. Robinson†
 SW Harry Davis Sinclair
 JW Winston B. Coats

99 Fulton

M Steven Douglas Schenk
 SW David Allan Hines II
 JW Gary Steven Yost

102 Columbus

M Donald Larry Jordan
 SW John David Barrett
 JW Bret Allen Kelly

104 Orr

M Roy Roush Taylor
 SW Andreas August H. Olsen
 JW Carl Wayne Moore Jr.

106 Perquimans

M Joe Elliott†
 SW Joe Elliott†
 JW Joe Elliott†

109 Franklin

M Derwood Ray Hester
 SW James Edward Tyson Jr.
 JW Numa Spencer Andrews

112 Wayne

M Richard Matthew Grady†
 SW Richard Matthew Grady
 JW Alton Wayne Edwards

113 Person

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

114 St. Alban's
 M Darryl Fletcher Hawkins
 SW Brent Walter McMahan
 JW William Dayton Wilson

115 Holly Springs

M Todd Hampton Dyches
 SW John William Johnston III
 JW Vinnie DeBenedetto

117 Mt. Lebanon

M George Ronald Parrish
 SW Alan B. Winstead†
 JW Bradley Patrick Moore

118 Mt. Hermon

M Fred Kenyan Morris Jr.
 SW Mark William Bloomfield
 JW Lane C. Grunget†

122 Oxford

M William Scott Parrott
 SW Larry Earl Salisbury
 JW Robert Dale Houchens

123 Franklinton

M Christopher Marvin Hedrick
 SW Ryland Grissom
 JW Bradley Grissom

125 Mill Creek

M Alan Weaver†
 SW James Timothy Hairr
 JW Victor Lee Smith Jr.†

126 Gatesville

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

127 Blackmer

M William B. Bruton†
 SW William B. Bruton†
 JW William B. Bruton†

128 Hanks

M Larry Thomas Chilton
 SW Terrance Shawn Palmer
 JW Larry Thomas Chilton†

129 Dan River

M Richard Gale Bryant
 SW W. M. Rhodes Jr.†
 JW James L. Rhodes

132 Radiance

M Douglas Stocks†
 SW Douglas Stocks†
 JW Douglas Stocks†

134 Mocksville

M Danny Lowell Reavis
 SW Danny Lowell Reavis†
 JW Jamie R. White†

136 Leaksville

M David Steve Cummings
 SW Robert Vernell Gillispie†
 JW Roger Anderson

137 Lincoln

M Brent Steven Turner
 SW Brent Steven Turner†
 JW Brent Steven Turner†

138 King Solomon

M Charles Robin Hughes
 SW James Benjamin Steele
 JW Ronnie Graves†

143 Mt. Vernon

M Charles Birch McLaurin
 SW Charles Birch McLaurin†
 JW Charles Birch McLaurin†

145 Junaluskee

M Joseph Paul Shuler
 SW James Patrick Egan
 JW Perry Allen Taylor

146 Cherokee

M William Francis Rutledge†
 SW William Francis Rutledge
 JW James E. Ellison†

147 Palmyra

M Jonathan Shannon Johnson
 SW Jonathan Shannon Johnson†
 JW Jonathan Shannon Johnson†

149 Adoniram

M Richard Dean Matthews
 SW Thomas Dale Matthews†
 JW Thomas Dale Matthews

150 Pee Dee

M Samuel Jasper Turner
 SW George Michael Holly
 JW George Michael Holly†

151 Sanford

M Robert Frederick Chambless
 SW Bruce Clay O'Quinn
 JW Nicky William Trudull†

154 Scotch Ireland

M Billy Ray McIntosh
 SW Danny Wayne Nail†
 JW Billy Ray McIntosh†

155 White Stone

M Edwin Rufus Yarbrough
 SW Dennis Barry Brannan
 JW Earl William Chancellor

158 Knap Of Reeds

M Jeffrey Clark Percy
 SW William Thomas Hutchins Jr.
 JW David Lee Hornbuckle

162 Yadkin

M Gilbert William Brown
 SW Barry Wayne Norman
 JW John MacArthur Bledsoe

165 Archer

M Glenn Max Bloodworth†
 SW Glenn Max Bloodworth†
 JW Glenn Max Bloodworth†

167 Winston

M Lewis E. Peacock
 SW John A. Redding
 JW Charles H. White

170 Blackmer

M Danny Joe Burrell
 SW Jeffrey Dale Allman
 JW Jeffrey Dale Allman†

172 Buffalo

M John David Porter
 SW Rodney James Page
 JW Carl B. Leslie †

176 Williams

M Smiley W. Brown
 SW Charles W. Nation †
 JW Clyde McDonald Cashion Jr.

181 Carthage

M Darol Dean Roberts
 SW Darol Dean Roberts†
 JW Leslie Clyde Bennett

187 Central Cross

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

188 Balfour

M Bradley Clay Smith
 SW Jason Daniel Strucinski
 JW Guy Spivey†

190 Fair Bluff

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

191 Granite

M Jack Robert Owens Jr.
 SW Page Eugene Cox†
 JW Stephen Arrthur Thomas†

198 Cary

M Derek James Love
 SW James Joseph Hetherington
 JW Michael Albert Sibley

202 Cleveland

M Jackie Thomas Millsaps
 SW Bobby Wray McMurry
 JW Thomas G. Brooks Jr.†

205 Long Creek

M Edwin Michael Puckett
 SW Michael Harding†
 JW Rodney Barry Hinson

206 Mingo

M Thomas Everton O'Neal
 SW Charles David Holland
 JW Christopher M. McLamb

207 Lebanon

M Kenneth Wayne Dowless
 SW Edward Earl Davis
 JW Toney Dewitt Edwards†

208 Mt. Olive

M James Ralph Kasper
 SW Christopher James Weaver
 JW Willie Ray Starling

210 Eno

M David Lee Hornbuckle
 SW Dan Calvin Critcher
 JW David Hornbuckle†

214 Thomasville

M Roger Garland Bryant
 SW Douglas O'Kelley†
 JW David Patrick Grimes

217 Catawba Valley

M Billy Dean Poteat
 SW Sam D. Buckner
 JW Walter Farris

218 William G. Hill

M William Charles Correll Jr.
 SW John William Davis III
 JW John (Jack) Robert Harman

226 Olin

M Calvin C. York†
 SW Calvin C. York†
 JW Calvin C. York†

229 Henderson

M Richard Matthews†
 SW Joseph Thurman Amos III
 JW Anthony Grier Williamson

230 Corinthian

M Stephen Raymond Morgan†
 SW Stephen Raymond Morgan
 JW Stephen Raymond Morgan†

231 William T. Bain

M Gary Mack Stephenson
 SW absent
 JW absent

237 Mystic Tie

M Michael Andrew Thompson
 SW Gordon A. Hensley Jr.
 JW Chris Greene†

240 Wiccacon

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

243 Grifton

M George Koonce
 SW George Koonce†
 JW George Koonce†

244 Monroe

M Jon Kevin Richardson
 SW James Randolph Price II
 JW James Ray Mills†

248 Catawba

M Bobby Gene Riley Jr.
 SW Douglas Charles Huffman
 JW Rex Darrin Boiick

249 Pythagoras

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

253 Lee

M Frederick Lee Barkley
 SW Walter Lee Hines
 JW Anthony Wayne Laxton

257 Kenly

M Gary Wayne Greenwaldt
 SW Thomas Jackson†
 JW Thomas Jackson†

258 Fuquay

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

259 Waynesville

M Ralph Messer†
 SW Harold Messer
 JW Anthony Messer

261 Excelsior

M Richard George Schultz Jr.
 SW Dale V. L. Dorsey`
 JW Richard G. Schultz Jr.†

262 Hibriten

M Henry A. Holland
 SW Steven Wayne Tolbert
 JW Russell E. Bridges

263 Gaston

M Fred Eugene Cloninger
 SW David Martin Kahler Jr.
 JW John Ogden Click Jr.

265 Farmington

M Michael Dewitt Falls
 SW Donald Wayne Hendrix
 JW David Erik Wentz

267 Dunn's Rock

M Charles Richard Harbin
 SW Keith Dunn Harbin†
 JW Aaron Christopher Whitmore

271 Tabasco

M John Richard Smith†
 SW John Richard Smith
 JW Gregory Scott Lackey†

272 Bingham

M James Howard Oakley
 SW Harold Lamartin Noell III
 JW Alexander Thomas Sykes

276 Beaver Dam

M Gary Grant Penniger
 SW George Horace Edwards
 JW absent

277 Green Level

M Tommy Reavis Mills Jr.
 SW Tommy Reavis Mills Jr.†
 JW Tommy Reavis Mills Jr.†

279 Rehoboth

M Eric C. Stallings†
 SW Dalton Lane Rouse
 JW Eric Stallings†

282 Wake Forest

M William Joseph Brendle
 SW Berry Lee Miller Jr.
 JW James Talaska

283 Eureka

M James Ren Foy Jr.
 SW Robert Anthony F. Thornton
 JW Matthew Steven West

284 Greenville

M Stephan Mark Hagen
 SW absent
 JW Steven Jacob Spindler

289 Salem

M Joseph Thomas Woods Jr.
 SW Ronnie Edward Bailey
 JW absent

292 French Broad

M Robert Millard Walsh
 SW Frank Ronald Reese†
 JW Randy Franklin†

293 Vance

M Keith Bryan Kuykendall
 SW Petty Burnnette†
 JW Joe Burgin Williams

294 Atlantic

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

296 Stonewall

M Henry Carson Norman
 SW Michael G. Woolard†
 JW H. Carson Norman†

299 Harmony

M Larry Milton Campbell
 SW James Oscar Mattox
 JW Alvin Mathis Sutphin

300 Aurora

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

301 Clay

M Jason Dwayne Elliott
 SW George Ramon Laucirica
 JW William H. Dietrich†

302 Lillington

M Donald Jackson Byrd
 SW Ronnie Ray Stanley
 JW Eric Kent Trusdale

304 Pleasant Hill

M Oscar Dene Tyndall†
 SW Kenneth Durwood Tyndall
 JW Harvey Ward Grady Jr.†

305 Laurinburg

M Thomas F. Delano Rogers
 SW Billy Eugene Stout
 JW Billy Eugene Stout†

306 Raeford

M Arol H. Smith†
 SW Donald Ray Randol
 JW Dennis Kerry Floyd

314 New Lebanon

M Albert Jay Bohn Jr.
 SW Ted Dorsey Brooks Jr.
 JW Michael A. Burnham†

317 Eureka

M William Thomas Ward III
 SW William Anthony Temple
 JW Johnny Earl Nichols

319 Wilmington

M Charles Edwin Ponton
 SW Edward Nance Hill
 JW Edward A. Gaskins†

320 Selma

M Grover Thomas Dees†
 SW Grover Thomas Dees†
 JW David Wayne Davis

322 Granite

M William Harvey Boyles Jr.
 SW Jonathan Gordon Jolley
 JW Alfred Joseph Arnder Jr.

331 Bayboro

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

339 Fairview

M Ralph Fredrick Dellinger Jr.
 SW Norman Ernest Smith
 JW Johnny Hutchins

340 Harmony

M Randy Lynn Murphy
 SW Randy Joe Foy
 JW Cleatus Edward Sullivan

343 Hickory

M Wesley Grimes Byerly Jr.
 SW Jesse David Abernethy
 JW Wesley Grimes Byerly Jr.†

344 Numa F. Reid

M Thomas Jerome Welch
 SW Thomas Jerome Welch†
 JW Samuel Robert Lee Culler

348 Stanly

M Scottie Wayne Cox
 SW Roy Washington Brooks Jr.
 JW David Poplin†

352 Durham

M John Robert Ridpath
 SW Claude Monroe Jones Jr.
 JW Allen Giles†

356 Fallston

M Robert Wesley Reep
 SW Calvin Wehunt†
 JW Robert W. Reep†

357 Bakersville

M Roger Hoilman†
 SW Robert Morgan†
 JW Roger Hoilman†

358 East LaPorte

M John Richard Joachim
 SW John Richard Joachim†
 JW Jim Medlin†

359 Mount Vernon

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

363 Snow

M Jeffery Lee Main
 SW Thomas Broadus R. Jr.
 JW Glenn Hal Main

369 Gastonia

M Robert Wade Biggerstaff
 SW Daniel D. Cauthran†
 JW Randy Lee McClure

373 Ashler

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

374 Campbell

M Ralph Bennett Brown
 SW David Roland Myers†
 JW Eugene S. Blackburn†

375 State Line

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

377 Youngsville

M Marcus Johnson Hurt
 SW Dallas Taylor Glover
 JW William Chriscoe†

378 Seaboard

M John Clifton Wood
 SW Frederick Murray Hill
 JW absent

379 Coharie

M Stokes Dean McKay
 SW Eddie Clay Faircloth
 JW Thomas Worth Tew†

380 Granville

M Glen Adam Darch†
 SW Glen Adam Darch
 JW Gregory William Huling

381 Forest City

M Benjamin R. McDaniel
 SW David Lionel Cochran
 JW David Wilcox Lee†

384 Jefferson Penn

M Robert K. Turner†
 SW Robert Bruce Citty III
 JW Robert K. Turner†

386 Pigeon River

M Mike Willis†
 SW Kenneth Herman Pressley
 JW Gene Yates†

387 Kedron

M Broward Paul Davis†
 SW Broward Paul Davis
 JW James Weddington Freeman

388 Friendship

M Billy Keith Guffey
 SW Charles McCoen†
 JW Forrest Ira Kelly Jr.

390 Copeland

M Harden C. Mooney Jr.
 SW Gregory Scott Journey
 JW Frank McCormick†

391 Lebanon

M Andrew Franklin McMillan
 SW Marvin Wood†
 JW Jeffrey Lendon Wade

395 Orient

M Morris Glenn Brown
 SW Frederick K. Sessions
 JW Jimmy Evans Hyatt

397 Bald Creek

M Jimmy Bruce Ammons
 SW Frederick Charles Buck
 JW Michael David Banks†

401 Joppa

M Carroll Roy Melton†
 SW Carroll Roy Melton†
 JW Carroll Roy Melton†

403 Siler City

M Walter Keith Stanley
 SW Mial Roderick Tidy Jr.
 JW William H. Elder†

404 Denton

M Archie James Benton
 SW Edward Benn Fleming
 JW Paul Ray Holland

405 Ocean

M Ronald Douglas Cannon
 SW James William Young II
 JW William B. Ball†

407 N. Wilkesboro

M Kenneth Brandon Absher
 SW Jonah Lee Stone Jr.†
 JW Neil Grist Cashion Jr.

408 University

M Willard Campbell†
 SW William Towne†
 JW William Towne†

409 Bula

M Donald Edward Kehler†
 SW Roger Dale Stutts
 JW Dan Charles Rice†

411 Bailey

M Kenneth High Farmer†
 SW Kenneth High Farmer†
 JW Kenneth High Farmer†

412 Henry F. Grainger

M Michael Wayne Scott
 SW Kenneth Wade Wilson
 JW Jason Keith Tingen

413 James A. Johnson

M Stancil Cecil Joyner†
 SW Stancil Cecil Joyner
 JW Stanford Cecil Joyner†

417 Maxton

M Phillip Harrison Edney
 SW Gary Blue†
 JW Samuel Thomas Smith

418 Pendleton

M Marshall Edwin Lassiter†
 SW Marshall Edwin Lassiter†
 JW Marshall Edwin Lassiter†

420 Harmon

M James Ben Rutledge Jr.
 SW Arthur Spillman
 JW Clyde Wayne Ireland

423 Sparta

M Michael Wayne Cleary
 SW Joseph Eric Gates
 JW Robert Lee Presnell Jr.

426 Montgomery

M Donald Ray McCarter
 SW Derek Adele Cheek
 JW Brian Gregory Rau

427 Ocone

M Winston A. Riddle
 SW Jack William Parton
 JW Tom Arville Bowers Jr.

428 Stokesdale

M Charles Andrew Jones
 SW Christopher Lee Wright†
 JW Samuel Edgar Pegram

429 Seaside

M Ronald Chester Newman
 SW William Noel Thacker†
 JW Ronald C. Newman†

431 Relief

M Johnny Toole†
 SW Gene Edgerton Lee
 JW Randy Blackmon†

432 Piney Creek

M Billy Bryon Brooks
 SW Bobby Darin Wagoner
 JW Gregory Alan Wagoner

433 Vanceboro

M Jeremy Ray Mills
 SW Joseph Eugene Whitford
 JW Robert Earl Futrell

434 West Bend

M Leon Mitchell Monroe Jr.
 SW Raymond Stockton Craft
 JW Roger Bernard Gough

435 Blue Ridge

M Randall Forrest Simmons
 SW Matthew P. Neeley†
 JW Harold Neville Neely

437 Biscoe

M Jimmy Marvin Harris Jr.
 SW David Walton Parsons
 JW Jimmy Marvin Harris Jr.

439 Marble Springs

M Mitchell Bruce Arrowood
 SW William Nelson Almond
 JW Mitchell Bruce Arrowood†

444 Marietta

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

446 Biltmore

M Mitchell David Storm
 SW Harold Conley Boyd
 JW Clinton Hamilton Smoke Jr.

447 Enfield

M Marc Lynn Sanders†
 SW Marc Lynn Sanders†
 JW Marc Lynn Sanders

453 Clyde

M James Ray Fore
 SW Hugh Kirkpatrick Terrell Jr.
 JW Marshall Geoffrey Cooper

454 Elkin

M Douglas Scott Norris
 SW David Benjamin Mastin
 JW Robert Newell Hauser II

459 Dillsboro

M Arthur Vaughn Reynolds†
 SW Arthur Vaughn Reynolds
 JW Phil Lindley Rymer Jr.†

460 Cliffside

M Joseph Gary O'Dell
 SW Timothy L. Miller†
 JW Nigel James Hawkins

461 Matthews

M Larry David Koch
 SW Claude Morrow Mitchell III
 JW William Michael Warr Jr.

462 South Fork

M Terry Bruce Moore
 SW Kenny Revels†
 JW Fred Queen†

463 Currituck

M Francis Pugh†
 SW Francis Pugh†
 JW Francis Pugh†

471 Grassy Knob

M James Edward O'Connell
 SW David Ronald Millsaps†
 JW Gene M. Mahaffey†

472 Sonoma

M Marshall Geoffrey Cooper
 SW Boyd Eugene Canter
 JW Dallas Davis†

473 Lexington Memorial

M Thomas John Jolly Jr.
 SW Roy Carlton West
 JW Frank Warren Godbee III

474 St. Pauls

M James Delvin Herring
 SW Daniel Lee Short
 JW Carl Owens

475 Grimesland

M Weldon Earl McLawhorn Jr.†
 SW Christopher E. McLawhorn
 JW Weldon Earl McLawhorn Jr.†

479 Rainbow

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

482 Saluda

M Howard Mitchell Redmon†
 SW Howard Mitchell Redmon
 JW Oscar W. Harbin†

483 Traphill

M Jerry Dean Pruitt
 SW Mark Andrew Bowers
 JW Larry Dean Payne

484 Southern Pines

M Frank David Wanko
 SW William Cutter Anderson
 JW Kerry Norman Ross

486 Lawndale

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

488 Rich Square

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

489 Linville

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

491 Hominy

M Wallace Andrew Setser
 SW Wallace Andrew Setser†
 JW Christopher D. Manis

492 Thomas M. Holt

M Roger Thomas Jefferson
 SW James Norman Ross
 JW Gary Edward Holmes

493 Pilot

M Richard Jackson Smith†
 SW Richard Jackson Smith†
 JW Elbert Arthur Elvis Jr.

495 Rockingham

M Arthur Bayard Stutts
 SW Woodrow Thomas Ingle Jr.
 JW Douglas H. Smith†

496 Mooresville

M Roy Lee Harris Jr.
 SW Lance Baxter Hegler
 JW Donald Eugene Stone†

497 Royal Hart

M Alfred John Lowe†
 SW Alfred John Lowe†
 JW Alfred John Lowe

498 Ayden

M Harold Dallas Nobles
 SW Delano Wilson†
 JW Harold Nobles†

499 Creedmoor

M Oscar Richard Haskins
 SW Harvey Michael Oakley
 JW Linton Thomas Peed

500 Raleigh

M James Elliott Swindell Jr.
 SW John Carvill Dempsey
 JW Russell Atkinson Swindell II

501 Red Springs

M John Timothy Seago
 SW John Thomas Seago Jr.
 JW Don Randol†

502 Cookville

M Tyler Ben Sain
 SW absent
 JW absent

505 Cherryville

M Charles Steven Morgan II
 SW Kenneth Stowe Dellinger
 JW John Sherman Brown Jr.

509 Belhaven

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

515 Whetstone

M Samuel Scott McLeymore
 SW Robert Alan Bowen
 JW Vernal Samuel Grant

517 Farmville

M Harold Leroy Gordon
 SW Larry Harrison†
 JW William E. Wooten†

519 Widow's Son

M Alfred Camara†
 SW Danny Eugene Tolbert†
 JW Dennis Ray Rumley

520 Fairfield

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

521 Manteo

M Craig Spear Davenport
 SW Russell Alan Lay
 JW Dan Merrell†

525 Rodgers

M Lonnie Joe Vanover
 SW absent
 JW Michael Tuck

527 Lucama

M John Thomas Bass Jr.
 SW John Thomas Bass Jr.†
 JW Mark Davis Boykin

528 Fairmont

M Guy Frank McCormick†
 SW Robert McLean†
 JW Guy Frank McCormick†

529 Andrews

M Mark Nathan Parker
 SW James Allen Solesbee
 JW Jerry Dekle†

530 Joppa

M Edward William G. Jr.
 SW Walter William Grahling Jr.
 JW Jason Lee Hamorsky

532 Hamlet

M Wesley Calvin McIntyre Jr.
 SW Richard Carnes Pait Jr.
 JW Robert William Bishop Jr.†

534 Camp Call

M David Wayne Spivey
 SW Paul Douglas McNeilly
 JW Don Greene†

535 Hollis

M Douglas Wayne Lovelace
 SW Douglas Wayne Lovelace†
 JW Douglas Wayne Lovelace†

542 Corinthian

M Kenneth Hughes Farmer
 SW Kenneth Hughes Farmer†
 JW Hugh L. McLaurin†

543 Spencer

M Thomas Miller Cohen
 SW James Stephen Lomax
 JW Ted Mitchell Whirlow

544 Mount Holly

M Dale Robert Morton
 SW Bradley Patterson Ham
 JW Ray Edward Willard

550 Roman Eagle

M Jerry Rupert Wilson
 SW Richard Lee Carroll
 JW John Blue Davenport

551 Glenville

M Merritt Roland Newman III†
 SW William Wright Newman
 JW John David Cashion

552 Revolution

M Henson Turner Canady Jr.
 SW Joseph Warren Ritter Jr.
 JW Aubrey Luther Clegg Jr.

554 Vesper

M David D. Greene†
 SW Daniel Earl Wilson
 JW Daniel Earl Wilson†

555 Elise

M Hubert Keith Brewer
 SW Henry Baxter Craven
 JW absent

556 Neill S. Stewart

M David Gerald Johnson
 SW Phillip Keith Turlington
 JW Michael Wayne Johnson

558 Ararat

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

561 Swannanoa

M Jonathan Mark Watkins
 SW David Perkins†
 JW Johnny D. Sutphin†

562 Waxhaw

M Michael Duane England
 SW Terry Davis Pritt
 JW Russell Warren Jones

563 Tabor

M Phillip McKinley Ray
 SW Lloyd Thomas Buffkin
 JW William Edwin Douglas

564 Richlands

M Britt Dail
 SW Stephen Allen Walker
 JW Ernest Benjamin Hall†

565 Wendell

M Raymond Anthony Burch
 SW Rodney Graham Brown†
 JW Raymond Anthony Burch†

568 Doric

M Lorenzo Joseph Mares
 SW Iredell Camuel Wyatt III
 JW absent

571 Snow Creek

M Yates Jimmy Marlow
 SW James Ratchford Murph Jr.
 JW Leonard Lee Bunton

573 Mt. Pleasant

M Kris William Huffman
 SW Eric Richard Wall
 JW Todd Eller Trivette

576 Andrew Jackson

M Tony Clarence Hager Jr.
 SW David Heath Hager
 JW Tony Clarence Hager

578 Meadow Branch

M David Chester Ladd
 SW Michael Derek Simpson
 JW Scott Michael Rinehuts

579 Casar

M Samuel Ledford†
 SW Eric Newton
 JW Justis Ledford†

583 Ionic

M Garry L. Turner Jr.†
 SW Johnny L. Allinen
 JW Ashley W. Ipock

584 Apex

M Bennie Stanton Wallace
 SW David Scott Nyce†
 JW Patrick Brian Medlin

585 Roseboro

M Robert Eural Lane
 SW Arnold Gene Edge Jr.
 JW Jeff Taylor†

589 Bethel

M James Wilbert Futrell†
 SW James Wilbert Futrell†
 JW James Wilbert Futrell†

590 Lowell

M David Arnold Johnson
 SW Donald Gregory Hamrick
 JW Jeffrey F. Funderburk†

592 Maiden

M Charles Hicks Curtis
 SW Charles Hicks Curtis†
 JW Thomas Spencer Barto

593 Stony Point

M Jimmy Foster Lowrance
 SW Phillip Edward Starnes
 JW Daniel Allan Henderson

594 Ashe

M Francis Marion Miller
 SW Charles Gregory Key
 JW Francis Marion Miller†

595 Wallace

M William David Blanchard
 SW Raymond Lee Turner Jr.
 JW Ryan Coates†

596 Waccamaw

M Phillip Franklin Caines
 SW Phillip Franklin Caines†
 JW Phillip Franklin Caines†

598 Cranberry

M Anthony Suriano†
 SW Melvin Arnold Jones
 JW Robert Lewis Berkheimer

602 Queen City

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

605 Jeff L. Nelson

M Manuel Austin Bradley
 SW Manuel Austin Bradley†
 JW Manuel Austin Bradley†

606 Riverside

M Aaron Paul Couch
 SW Brady Lee White
 JW David Lee Wyatt

607 Chadbourn

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

609 Zebulon

M Thomas Gerald Norris
 SW Robert Clark Barron†
 JW Thomas Gerald Norris†

612 Atkinson

M Thomas Lee King
 SW Allan Faison Squires
 JW Larry Clinton Brown†

613 Home

M Mitchell Alan Ivey
 SW Ted Leary Koger Jr.
 JW David Flowers†

616 Round Peak

M Michael Allan Creed
 SW Ronnie Culbert Sprinkle
 JW Douglas Wayne Underwood

617 St Patrick's

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

618 Union

M Charles Kirby Dixon
 SW William Heyward Moss Jr.
 JW Robert Alexander Burgess Jr.

624 John H. Mills

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

626 Cannon Memorial

M William Alexander H. Jr.†
 SW John Linker Shaver Jr.
 JW Phillip LeRoy Gaddy

627 Belmont

M Jerry Neil Scruggs Jr.
 SW absent
 JW Thomas Webber Hicks

629 Walnut Cove

M Dickie Dean Dease
 SW Gary Dean Handy†
 JW Denny Scott Totten

630 Francis S. Packard

M Claude Henry Jordan†
 SW Claude Henry Jordan†
 JW Claude Henry Jordan†

634 Goldsboro

M Arthur Jake Green
 SW Carl Ross Dever
 JW Robert Murphy Jr.†

637 Yadkin Falls

M Jerry Miller Hall
 SW Jerry Malcolm Hudson
 JW Herman Lather Bost

643 Proctorville

M Anthony Stuart Connor
 SW Anthony Stuart Connor†
 JW Anthony Stuart Connor†

646 Bladen

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

650 Nichols-W. Asheville

M Charles Erick Cox
 SW Darius Dewitt Stamey†
 JW John Thomas Case†

654 Elberta

M Ronald Wade Baker†
 SW Billy Thomas Haire
 JW Lowell Thomas Hill†

656 Guilford

M Terry James Cox
 SW Lendell Leon Bozarth
 JW Michael Stephen James

657 Keller Memorial

M Ricky Lee Williams
 SW Jeffrey Thomas Hodges†
 JW Anthony Paul Sharum

658 Beulaville

M Michael Joseph Mobley
 SW Gary Lee Barrett
 JW Gregg Thomas Houston

663 Black Mountain

M David Lee Slaughter†
 SW Jeffrey Scott Moore†
 JW Darrell Lee Slaughter

664 Garland

M William S. Johnson Jr.
 SW John Valden Matthews Jr.†
 JW Charles T. Cashwell†

667 Ft. Bragg

M Kai Jackson Vannoy
 SW Mart Thomas Lewis III
 JW Julis David Elliott

668 Holland Memorial

M James Howard Critchley
 SW Henry Harren Carpenter
 JW absent

669 Kernersville

M John Evan Thompson
 SW William Robert Adams
 JW Allen Craig Casstevens

670 Lovelady

M Ronnie Allen Davis
 SW Ronnie Allen Davis†
 JW Ronnie Allen Davis†

672 Robbinsville

M William Edward McCollum
 SW William Edward McCollum†
 JW Jessie Burlen Aldridge†

673 Spindale

M Gilbert Wayne Spears
 SW absent
 JW Creighton Lovelace

674 Acacia

M Jonathan Garnett Shoe
 SW Christopher A. Fitzgerald†
 JW Lewis Erwin Williams II

675 Washington

M Roger Lee Winstead
 SW Franklin Keith Woolard
 JW William Asa Cutler†

676 Temple

M Donald Robert Cummings
 SW Franklin Howard Roberts
 JW Charles L. Davidson†

677 Warsaw

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

678 Providence

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

679 Creasy Proctor

M Rickie Marl Foor
 SW Kurt David Junk
 JW Tommy Gene Smith

680 Semper Fidelis

M Denny Norris
 SW Joseph Angel Reyes
 JW Ralph Loren Jones Jr.

681 Piedmont

M Stancil Wayne Wilson Jr.†
 SW Stancil Wayne Wilson Jr.
 JW Kevin Protus Wood†

683 Rolesville

M Jerry Edward Rose
 SW W. G. Arnold
 JW Gordan Price†

685 Piedmont-Pioneer

M Joel Alexander Black Jr.
 SW Joel Alexander Black Jr.†
 JW Joel Alexander Black Jr.†

686 Angier

M Michael Travis Bennett
 SW Michael Travis Bennett†
 JW Donald Alton Bennett†

687 Fellowship

M Eric Michael Weaver
 SW Eric Michael Weaver†
 JW Eric Michael Weaver†

688 Cherry Point

M Russell Matthew Rainear
 SW Dale Kruger†
 JW James Allen Muse Jr.

689 Scotland Neck

M Kenneth Hill Branch
 SW Gene Worth Todd†
 JW James E. Drake†

690 Mt. Moriah

M Gerald Vincent Grant
 SW Gerald Vincent Grant†
 JW Gerald Vincent Grant†

691 Renfro

M James Elmer Wagoner
 SW Christopher Eugene Fallaw
 JW Madison Duke Goad

692 East Gate

M Marvin Malcolm White Jr.
 SW Paul Milton Miller
 JW Andrew Johnson†

693 Charles M. Setzer

M Marvin Butler Clifford
 SW Gilbert DeVerne Bailey
 JW James J. Yates†

694 Gate City

M Michael Gene Turbeville
 SW David Ray Chesney
 JW Robert Steven Viers

695 Allen Graham

M John Tyler Bingham
 SW William Boyd Safrit
 JW Larry Wayne Hinson

697 Butner

M James Thomas Smith
 SW Charles Howard Page
 JW John Marks Cooper

698 Cape Hatteras

M William A. Arrington Jr.
 SW Dallas Royce Miller
 JW Gary Joseph Dowdy Jr.

699 Asheboro

M Frederick Michael Hall
 SW absent
 JW absent

701 Garner

M Barry Wade Tucker
 SW Kenneth Warren Hartman†
 JW James Wesley Lee

702 St. Andrew

M James Henry Glen Jr.
 SW Larry Walton Quick
 JW Eric Dixon

703 Albemarle

M Tracy Dale Parker
 SW Sidney Allen Carter
 JW Cameron L. Faulkner

704 King Solomon

M Charles William Morrison
 SW Robert William Erwin Jr.
 JW Robert Dale Smith†

705 Richard Caswell

M Gary Steven Hines
 SW Randy Johnson†
 JW Charles Broadway†

706 Newport

M Jeffrey Scott Almany
 SW Michael Gibble
 JW Jeffrey Scott Almany†

707 Forsyth

M Thomas Walcer Allen Jr.
 SW Paul Stanley Peeples Jr.
 JW Joe Manning†

708 Crown Point

M Phillip Elwood Monteith†
 SW Phillip Elwood Monteith†
 JW Phillip Elwood Monteith

709 Conover

M Winfred Shawn Greene
 SW Harrison Morton Jones, III
 JW Aaron Lazenby King Jr.

710 Advance

M Allen Blakely†
 SW Danny Chandler
 JW Mark Howell

712 Wilson

M Robert Elias Worton
 SW William Warrior Nicholls Jr.
 JW Andrew Bradley Graham

713 Stanley

M Daniel E. Huffman
 SW Leonard Luther Lewis
 JW Andrew Eugene Murphy†

714 Liberty

M Christopher Craig McDaris
 SW Jesse Lee Bowman
 JW Donald Morris Carter Jr.

715 Derita

M Thomas M. Anderson Jr.
 SW John Fielding Herrin Jr.
 JW Thomas Mack Baucom†

717 Burnsville

M Jack Wolfenson†
 SW Jack Wolfenson†
 JW Robert Stenson†

718 Troy

M Michael Joseph Concannon
 SW Tom Tarlton, III†
 JW Christopher Michael Wallace

719 Horse Creek

M Robert Frederick Vance
 SW Timothy Scott Martines
 JW Raymond Charles Mendrala

720 Cabarrus

M Timothy Howard Mauldin
 SW Roger Darrell Long†
 JW Roger Darrell Long†

722 King

M James Owen Meachum
 SW Curtis Ray Knight
 JW Matthew Dale Chilton

723 Winton

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

724 Berne

M Randol Patrick Stilley
 SW Jack William Keener
 JW Edward A. Strickland Jr.

725 Grantham

M Guy Henderson Hawkins†
 SW Guy Henderson Hawkins
 JW Jason Maxie†

727 Shallotte 727

M Harvard C. Holden†
 SW Harvard C. Holden†
 JW Harvard C. Holden†

730 Stedman

M William Ambrose Dowd Jr.
 SW Jim Hay†
 JW Jim Hay†

731 John Huske Anderson

M Kevin Michael Cullen
 SW Kenneth Thomas Ray
 JW Billy John Neely

732 Bush Hill

M Michael Thomas Daniels
 SW Barry Edwin Lawrimore
 JW Finus Crisley Maney

733 Stump Sound

M William Howard Keller, III
 SW Roger Foster Eller
 JW Owen Earl Jenkins Jr.

734 William Pitt

M William Franklin Heath
 SW Thomas Bennett Jones
 JW William F. Heath†

735 James B. Green

M James Gardner Lassiter
 SW James Robert Haven
 JW Jeffery Baydon Phelps

736 New River

M James Winfield Payton
 SW Donnie L. Fauver†
 JW Arthur Phillip Peterson

737 Steele Creek

M Edward A. Simmons†
 SW Jonathan Lewis Campbell
 JW John William Buter

738 West Gate

M Gary Lee Cooke
 SW Troy Wilson Miller
 JW Sean Carl McDeson

739 Newell

M Boyd Neal McGee
 SW Joseph Alan Cathcart†
 JW Richard Mark Weathers

740 Charles B. Newcomb

M John Larry Hunt
 SW absent
 JW Herbert Oliver Cox

741 Crissie Wright

M Ralph Neil Daniels†
 SW Gary Parks Day
 JW absent

742 Mint Hill

M Darrell Scott Carriker
 SW Mark Alan Bland
 JW John Claude Trail

743 J. J. Crowder

M Patrick Allen Gordon
 SW Leslie Walter Hereford
 JW absent

744 Shelby

M Earnest Andrew Johnson
 SW Michael Blaine Morris
 JW Roger Dale Porter

745 Vandora

M James Howard Baker III
 SW Edward A. Stiles Jr.
 JW absent

746 P. P. Turner

M James Edward Paschal
 SW Patrick Reed Terry
 JW Ross Geller†

747 Ocracoke

M Roger Hening Meacham III
 SW Vernon Thomas Smith†
 JW Vernon Thomas Smith

749 Truth

M Steven Dale Eford
 SW Steven Dale Eford†
 JW Jerry Honeycutt†

750 Oak Grove

M Charles Elmer Ward
 SW Lindon Henderson Lykins
 JW Duane Delay†

751 Old Town

M David Ray Pope
 SW Alan Jeffrey Williard
 JW Terry Leon Wooten

752 Enterprise

M Guy Matthew Spivey
 SW John David Morris
 JW Jason Brown

753 Federal Point

M James Claiborne Norwood
 SW Ray McKay†
 JW James Michael Seigh

Masters 754

M Keith Herbert LeGrow
 SW Michael Scott McDonald
 JW Robert Augustus Searles Jr.

755 Clemmons

M Robert Victor Charlier
 SW Alan R. Burke
 JW Robert Victor Charlier†

756 Clifford Duell

M Benjamin Leonard Gutierrez
 SW Marvin Ford Asbill†
 JW Marvin Ford Asbill†

757 Denver

M David William Laughery Jr.
 SW William Kevin Brooks
 JW Rusty Kirk Armstrong

758 Oak Island

M absent
 SW absent
 JW absent

759 James K. Polk

M David Joseph Jordan
 SW Jeffrey Charles Todd†
 JW James Battey White†

760 Wilkerson College

M Larry Bogan Thompson Jr.
 SW absent
 JW Rick Smith†

761 Orphans

M William Robert Adams
 SW Harry Eugene Greene
 JW Grover Thomas Dees

Address of the Grand Orator

Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon presented Past Grand Master and Grand Orator Jerry R. Tillett who delivered the following address:

Thank you for this opportunity to again be with you in friendship, and kindness, and kinship. And, Grand Master, most especially thank you for this high honor for which I'm greatly humbled, and as will become readily apparent, most undeserving.

You know, there was a big city lawyer who was representing a railroad in a lawsuit filed by an old rancher. It seems the rancher's prized bull was missing from that section of his ranch through which the railroad ran. The rancher only wanted to be paid the fair market value of his bull. Now they had a lawsuit, and this case was scheduled to be tried by a local judge. The young, fancy attorney for the railroad immediately cornered the old man, and he tried to convince him to settle out of court. The lawyer did his best selling job, and finally the old rancher agreed to take half of what he was originally asking for.

And after the case had been finished, all the releases been signed, and the check had been issued; the young lawyer couldn't resist gloating. And he said, "You know I hate to tell you this old man, but I put one over on you. I couldn't have won that case. The engineer was asleep. The fireman was in the caboose when the train went through your ranch that morning. I didn't have any witnesses. I bluffed you."

The old rancher replied, "Well, I'll tell you young fellow; I was a little worried about that case myself. That durn bull came home this morning."

I've been a little worried about this speech myself. To pretend to be grand orator or either would be the equivalent of an attempt to perpetuate a fraud upon this court of opinion. I know I cannot bluff you, the most knowledgeable of Masonic subjects. I believe however that the best grand orators were good because they spoke about that which they believed passionately and spoke from the heart.

Today, I would like to encourage you to think about paying it forward. This year, I've had the opportunity to coach through the degree work, two men; a father and a son. Each decided to seek admission in Masonry independently and without the knowledge of the other at first. Each had been inspired by a different set of men. Each was surprised to learn of the other's intention. Later after the second degree, the two were sharing coffee one morning. And the older was remarking about this rich heritage, great symbolism, and goodness he was learning about our institution. And the younger agreed saying, "Yeah, it's like we get to join now and pay it forward." Pay it forward.

Now you know there was a man who was contemplating his future and his death, and so he started paying money to three of his best friends. He gave them a total of \$25,000 each: his lawyer, his preacher, and his doctor. But, he made them promise that at his death they would each put that money in an envelope and put it back in his coffin so that he'd have it with him for the afterlife.

Well, at the funeral each of the men dutifully came by and placed an envelope in the coffin. It happened about three months later they happened to meet. The preacher, he got a little conscientious, and he started to confess. He said, "I have to tell you. I got to thinking about all that money and the great waste. Just think of all the souls that could be saved if we sent that money to the mission field. I only put \$10,000 in that envelope."

Now, moved by the preacher's confession, the doctor said, "Well, I have to tell you, too, I got to thinking about the waste of that money. You know we're so close to a cure for cancer that if I could just use that money... So, I only put \$5,000 in the envelope, and I spent the rest for the good use of research."

This time the lawyer was just seething with righteous indignation. "I can't believe the two of you. You didn't honor our friend's wishes. I'll have you know I'm the only one who kept my promise. I put the full amount in the coffin. My envelope contained my

personal check for the full \$25,000.”

This is not what I mean by paying it forward. I refer to the concept of sowing seeds of kindness today and reaping rewards later. This is a concept encapsulating a universal truth. When you do a good deed, it causes another to do the same, and then another, and so it spreads. Eventually, the kindness returns full circle. Have you ever thrown a pebble in the water and watched that rippling effect, subtle yet extending powerfully outward a great distance, far disproportionate to the size of the object or initial displacement? Notice it doesn't just extend in one direction, but 360 degrees.

Pay it forward is a trendy concept now also popularized by a movie a few years ago by the same name. The movie was based upon a book by Catherine Ryan Hyde with a very simple plot. As part of the social studies assignment, a young man suggested a way of changing the world. One would do a favor for another without being asked, and in return, that person would be expected to do a favor for three other persons, and so on. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company has capitalized on this theme recently with a commercial showing the effects of random acts of kindness spreading and causing another to do the same. The message is that it makes a difference in the world, one act at a time multiplied.

As I've said, this is a trendy notion but it's not new to Masons. Masons are taught at every stage to practice this principle of the cabletow. After all, Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, designed and intended to inculcate in and incite us toward a keener appreciation of our duty to God, our family, and our fellow man. In our closing charge, we are admonished to do good unto all and that every human being has a claim upon what? Our kind offices.

In the installation of officers we are encouraged to practice outside the lodge the duties recommended therein and that by our conduct convince mankind of the goodness of our institution so that when anyone is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrows, to whom distress may prefer its suit, whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence.

Now there is also a historical foundation for this practice which has a Masonic connection. The ancient fellow crafts received their wages in the middle chamber in wine, oil, and corn in accordance with an agreement between Solomon and Hiram, King of Tyre. But, those who were more skilled and able to prove their proficiency and knowledge were entitled to a mark. And the possessors of the mark were paid higher wages in specie. That was about one half shekel per day. They were paid at the senior grand warden's office.

Each had to adopt a mark, or a logo, or a brand, if you will, which was engraved upon his work so that the inspectors might identify it and determine who was responsible. The mark was then recorded in the Book of Marks never to be changed. Each also received an ornamental token of their mark. It was a silver or gold plate engraved with that same mark or emblem. But, this was also more than an ornamental token; it stood for the promise of help and the obligation to return it. The mark could be presented to another anywhere to receive help or acts of hospitality and kindness.

Many ancient societies had some form of this practice of doing a favor and one would be returned. It's really a process of performing Masonic work and receiving Masonic wages. It could be transferred. According to the ancient writers, its presentation entitled the holder to hospitality and to offices of friendship. Sounds an awful lot like our kind offices referred to in our closing charge doesn't it. To our ancient brethren, this was a solemn obligation. But, when the mark was presented, it was deemed pledged; no longer available for use or for any practical effect to the holder, again until that favor was returned or until the favor was paid to another person with the consent of the holder. So it was like satisfaction guaranteed.

Now throughout this year in district meetings, our grand master has challenged

us to plant a few seeds that will be for the betterment of Masonry in the future and to be ready to harvest the fruit of the labor of those preceding us. As Masons we are given talents and education with which, and the obligation to sow seeds of kindness. People will take note and notice of how we handle the opportunity to perform service for another or how we treat them. You leave your mark on your work or your actions for public inspectors and for the inquisitive. You see the principle is not just about sowing, but also of the benefits and rewards of doing so.

Now you know there's a story of two IRS agents who were traveling through a very rural area one night when the car broke down. And they walked to a nearby mansion and knocked on the door. A beautiful widow answered, and told them they were welcome to spend the night while her hired hands fixed their car. Months later, one of the agents received a package of legal material and documents. After surveying the contents, he quickly called the other agent. "Hey, when we were up in the country that time," the first agent asked, "did you slip away in the night and go to that widow's bedroom?"

The second one answered, "Well, yes."

"Well, did you use my name by chance?"

The second one said, "Well, yes, but how'd you know?"

"Well, she just died and left me her estate."

This is not what I mean by sowing seeds or reaping benefits of seeds sown. I refer instead to the principle of doing acts of kindness to another resulting in rewards and benefits. Like our grand master and many Masonic scholars have pondered, what are the master's wages? But, to more fully appreciate this, we should understand the proposition; what are his labors? The ritualistic work, of course, is important, but for speculative Masons there must be more than the business of just making new Masons. As suggested by former Grand Master I. Boyd Hopkins, our work is to make ourselves better, to refine and break off the rough ashlar of self, hewing away vices and superfluties, making ourselves living stones by practicing virtue; the principal of which is charity. Your care for others is the measure of your greatness, the Great Light tells us.

Like our ancient brethren, we improve our work skills by working. Our work is charity and brotherly love. In the first book of Corinthians; we learned that while there are three principal virtues, the greatest of these is charity. Masonry places it at the top of our mystic ladder. It is the chief cornerstone of our temple. On it, a superstructure of virtue is erected which makes good men better. Now in the Bible there are many words for love, but the one used by the apostles means fraternal love, that kindly state of mind which renders a person full of good will and affectionate regard toward others. Unlike friendship, we need not know those for whom we provide works of charity. Charity in this regard includes not only practices of great sacrifice but also a simple extending of a helping hand, a consoling arm across the back, wise counsel, a kind word of encouragement. These are the types of acts of kindness that compose charity that extends beyond the grave. These are the works of a Master Mason. It is the uneasier for us to comprehend that second category of intangible wages to which our grand master referred that is directly related to our toil, the benefits and rewards of helping others.

In the Great Light again, in Luke Chapter 6, Verse 38, we learn that the universal law and its formula, "Give and it shall be given unto you; in good measure, pressed down, shaken up, and running over." Now there's many stories that could illustrate this. For example, there's a story of a young lawyer who had worked hard and gained quite a reputation for himself; and one day a widow came to him for help. Her husband who had fought in the war had been killed in a railroad accident, and his widow was denied the pension for her husband which she desperately needed to support herself and family. The young lawyer knew that this case would be very difficult and require a lot of research, and there were no precedents. He knew it would take a lot of work, but he also knew that she couldn't pay much and that she didn't want to accept charity. So

he charged her \$20. The barrister was tenacious and at last successful, although to his financial detriment.

A few years later, however, he was in his state's capital city when a group of wealthy business men came and sought him out. Their company had a case pending before the Supreme Court. They told him their lawyer had become ill and could not complete the case. They needed him desperately. He told them, "I couldn't possibly take on such a case on such short notice." But, they insisted and offered him a great fee if he would do so. He reluctantly agreed. And when he received the briefs, that is the legal issues, he realized that it was his old \$20 case with which he was thoroughly knowledgeable having set the precedent. He pulled out his old research and easily took the case. The business men were elated. They paid him a handsome fee, and he went on to become president of the United States.

As grand master, I sometimes spoke about a case over which I presided in which there were three young children who were mentally, physically, sexually abused by their mother's live in boyfriend. They were starved, beaten until they bled, tied to their beds where they were forced to urinate and defecate in the same places where they slept. They were horribly sexually molested, repeatedly in ways you cannot imagine. I sentenced him to five consecutive life sentences.

I also told about a man who answered the call of a widow; drove hundreds of miles through the night, rescued three frail orphans, and became a father. I told that I was surprised, but shouldn't have been, to learn that he was a Mason. I've also mentioned that after that trial, I told these children how impressed I was with their courage, and I knew that by virtue of their proven resilience and courage, they would no doubt overcome any obstacles in their lives.

There's another part of that story. Some years later at a particularly frustrating time in my life, I had tried a case in which four teenagers were killed, one permanently injured by a drunk driver. The defendant had committed this DWI offense three times before. On this occasion, she was driving an SUV vehicle with an alcohol level more than three times the legal limit. She was weaving in and out of heavy summer traffic about 70 miles per hour. Her foot propped up on the dash, be-bopping to loud music. She never even slowed for the light. At the trail there was calamity and utter devastation. I saw hopelessness on the faces of the parents of both the victims and the defendants. I sentenced her to a lengthy prison term. Some disagreed. But, this was the most emotionally difficult case of my life.

I decided to quit. I called the administrative office of the courts to inform our director. He asked me to wait for 48 hours. On the last day, I went to the mailbox and there was a letter. It was from the oldest of the victims in the first case, the abuse case. She had no idea what was going on in my life at the time. But, she told me that she was going to be honored at an academic banquet. She would speak about someone who had made a difference. She would use an analogy of dandelions. You see dandelions are the little yellow, seemingly frail flowers that spring up in yards, gardens, and cracks in the sidewalks despite people stomping on them, pollution, garbage, even chemicals. Because of their resilience, they survive against all obstacles.

Blessings come in many ways. Sometimes we don't understand the importance of the things we do. The kindness may seem insignificant. The reciprocal rewards; however, when least expected or most needed, are always spectacular. There's one more story I learned at Masonic conference in Georgia; the story of a past grand master and a past potentate with the Shrine temple in South Carolina. He'll tell you this story, but he can't do it without tears in his eyes. For his service he received a Potentate's Jewel and he kept it as indeed one of his most valuable possessions. He locked it in a safe at his place of business where he was an undertaker. One night he was burglarized, and it was stolen with money and other things. The insurance company tried to pay him for it. He wouldn't let 'em.

He said, "One day, I'll get it back." They thought he was foolish. But, approximately two years later a phone call came.

The man said, "I believe I have something that belongs to you," and he described that jewel.

The past grand master and potentate said, "By all means, please just tell me what you want for it."

The man said, "I don't want anything for it. I'll bring it to your house, and you don't owe me anything." The man arrived at the grand master's house, presented him with the jewel. It had obviously been cleaned and cared for.

The grand master said, "You don't know how much this means to me. Let me pay you something for it."

The man said, "I've already been paid." He explained how he'd found it in a creek bed where the waters had receded while he was fishing with his grandson. He'd described how he had exhaustively tracked down the owner, the rightful owner of this because there were no other identifications on it.

The past grand master again insisted that he should be paid. And the man said, "No, you don't understand. I've already been paid." Then he pulled out from his wallet a yellowed photograph. It was a photograph of a young boy with dreadfully mangled legs, so much that he couldn't walk. He was forced to sit in a makeshift wheelchair. The man went on to explain, "This was me. My family had no money for treatment, but one day a man came to us and said that he was a Mason and a Shriner, and he thought his friends could help me. They did. I got treatment. I graduated school. I got a good job in the factory. I met my wonderful wife. Today I have three children, several grandchildren. One of my children is a preacher. One is a respected lawyer and a legislator for this state, and the other is a teacher. All of that is possible only because of people like you. So you see, I've already been paid."

Now, if you think about it, the corollary of pay it forward; I've already been paid. Somewhere, someone has received the benefit of what you've done. Some Mason has already been paid for the benefits we or our families may reap today. There will be multiple recipients from gifts paid forward. The recipient received an immediate benefit. When the quality of life is improved, the person's family and friends receive a delayed benefit. When witnessed by others, this motivates them to act. The giver received the benefit from having changed a life and made a difference. Society benefits from all four.

The Great Light tells us that "your gifts will be multiplied." Now; incidentally, many of you may be Shriners. To those of you who are not, I recommend it to you. I urge you to investigate. Shriners have a long symbiotic relationship with Masons. To the world, they are the same. In addition to providing medical care for children, many of you may not know that Shriners also provide medical care to young men and women injured in the military; all free of charge. Through it there is a tremendous opportunity for service, for sowing, paying it forward. There are immeasurable rewards to be reaped.

I am deeply appreciative of the men and women serving to protect our country, and to preserve our freedoms and quality of life, especially those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. We may not be called upon to risk our lives for any cause, but we do make a difference every day by the way we practice these principles of Masonry. A simple dues paying Mason makes a difference. Some are more involved, and others make other contributions. From the ceremony of the jubilee award, we are reminded; each Mason gives of himself, some of their time, other still loyalty and steadfast devotion. But to all of us, our gentle craft gives far more than we could give to it in a lifetime.

We reap the benefit brothers in good measure, packed down, shaken up, and overflowing. What profit has a worker for his toil? A Mason for his Masonry? Grand Master Hopkins answered it thusly; a Mason's profit from Masonry is in direct

proportion to the meaningfulness for him of past events of experiences, friendship, morality, and brotherly love. Our gain is the image of God. Our profit is the Kingdom of Heaven within.

Thank you brethren for your labors, for your greatness. Thank you for paying it forward. I know that your lives are indeed rich with reward, and may God continue to bless your service and your toil.

Respectfully,
Jerry R. Tillett, PGM, Grand Orator

Report of the Grand Treasurer

The following Report of the Grand Treasurer was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I herewith submit this report. Included in this report are the total receipts and disbursements, special funds, and the securities held by this Grand Lodge.

For the historical record, the Grand Treasurer's Final Report for 2007 is substituted in this *Proceedings* for the Interim Report given at the Annual Communication.

Total Funds available 01-01-2007 (General Funds & Special Funds)	\$827,877.14
Total Receipts YTD	\$814,454.93
Total Disbursements YTD	<u>\$(626,318.21)</u>
Net Income YTD	\$188,136.72
	<u>\$188,136.72</u>

Total Funds To Be Accounted For \$1,016,013.86

Bank and CD Deposits	Maturity	Issue Date	Rate	Amount
Petty Cash				\$100.00
1st Citizens (operating account)				13,592.38
First Capital Bank	11/18/08	11/14/07	4.90%	191,028.50
American Community	3/15/08	3/5/06	5.13%	100,252.90
Crescent State Bank	3/7/08	9/7/07	5.20%	101,271.96
Fidelity Bank - Money Market	n/a		5.00%	96,622.42
Suntrust Bank - Money Market	n/a		3.46%	5,195.73
RBC Centura Bank - Money Market	n/a		4.30%	105,400.20
North State Bank - Money Market	n/a		4.26%	107,064.40
First Charter - Premium Money Market	n/a		3.77%	109,611.77
IJL Wach. - Ford Motor Bonds	3/1/32	2/27/02	7.60%	100,000.00
IJL Wach. - IBM 7% CORTS	7/12/07	7/9/02	7.00%	50,000.00
General Motors - 7.5% Pfd	7/1/44	6/23/04	7.50%	50,000.00
Total Bank & CD Deposits				<u>\$1,016,013.86</u>

Special Funds Summary	12/31/06	12/31/07
Special Contingency Reserve	\$ 153,055.03	\$ 153,055.03
Emblems and Awards Reserve	814.15	1,233.15
Automobile Reserve	26,692.52	43,002.52
Book Reserve	146,558.88	164,435.33
Building Reserve	106,185.50	121,663.03
Office Reserve	29,370.10	72,935.75
Charity Fund	<u>82,590.75</u>	<u>54,890.75</u>

Total Special Funds 545,266.93 611,215.56

Total General Funds Available 404,798.30

Total of All Funds **\$1,016,013.86**

Respectfully Submitted,
Clifton W. Everett Jr., Grand Treasurer

Report of the Grand Secretary

The following Report of the Grand Secretary was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I herewith submit my interim report as Grand Secretary as of July 31, 2007, including expenditures for the year and a suggested budget for the calendar year 2008.

For the historical record, the Grand Secretary's Final Report for 2007 and the adopted Budget for 2008 are substituted in this *Proceedings*.

Account No.	Account Name	Budget 2007	Actuals 2007	Budget 2008
800-00	Philanthropy			
800-01	Masonic Home for Children	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
800-02	Masonic and Eastern Star Home	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
800-03	Charity	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
800-04	Hospital Visitation (MSA)	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
800-05	Hospital Visitation (NC)	300.00	300.00	300.00
800-06	Masonic Youth Organizations	4,250.00	4,250.00	4,250.00
800-07	Masonic Model Student Assistance Program	<u>6,500.00</u>	-	-
	Total	46,050.00	39,550.00	39,550.00
810-00	Salaries and Fees			
	Total	204,033.00	201,787.02	211,274.00
820-00	Administration Costs			
820-01	Stationery	2,000.00	2,127.45	2,000.00
820-02	Printing	12,750.00	14,384.02	13,000.00
820-03	Printing (Proceedings)	4,500.00	3,645.00	-
820-04	Office Expenses	3,000.00	2,787.85	4,500.00
820-05	Postage	9,000.00	5,028.08	9,000.00
820-06	Office Equipment	9,000.00	8,667.81	-
820-07	Office Equipment Maintenance	7,500.00	9,296.82	10,000.00
820-08	Telephone	6,500.00	6,420.55	6,500.00
820-09	New Data Base Program (Mori)	19,000.00		
820-11	Auditing	10,000.00	10,929.20	9,500.00
820-13	Legal Fees	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,076.95</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
	Total	69,250.00	68,363.73	78,500.00
830-00	Building Expenses			
830-01	Utilities	20,000.00	19,832.66	11,000.00
830-02	Building Maintenance	14,000.00	14,173.66	14,000.00
830-03	Equipment Maintenance	5,000.00	4,642.35	5,000.00
830-04	Hazard Insurance	12,500.00	11,454.38	10,000.00
830-05	Building Reserve	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
	Total	76,500.00	75,103.05	55,000.00
840-00	Membership Fees and Dues			
840-01	Masonic Service Association	2,600.00	2,408.80	2,500.00
840-02	Conference of Grand Masters	750.00	250.00	750.00
840-03	GMC Committee on Recognition	100.00	100.00	100.00
840-04	Conference of Grand Secretaries	130.00	260.00	130.00

840-05	Southeastern Masonic Conference	<u>300.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
	Total	3,880.00	3,318.80	4,080.00
850-00	Travel and Officers Expenses			
850-01	Grand Master's Travel	10,000.00	9,762.13	10,000.00
850-02	Grand Master's Automobile	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
850-03	Grand Master's Office	1,250.00	2,634.66	1,250.00
850-04	Grand Secretary's Travel	6,000.00	5,670.57	6,000.00
850-05	Grand Secretary's Automobile	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
850-06	Travel - Other	<u>6,200.00</u>	<u>1,053.36</u>	<u>6,200.00</u>
	Total	39,950.00	35,620.72	39,950.00
860-00	Boards, Commissions, and Committees			
860-01	Board of General Purposes	3,200.00	2,605.16	3,200.00
860-02	Board of Custodians	3,000.00	1,264.44	3,000.00
860-04	Masonic Public Relations	300.00	-	300.00
860-05	Finance Committee	500.00	121.50	500.00
860-06	Code Commission	300.00	-	300.00
860-07	Lodge Service Commission	100.00	-	100.00
860-08	Masonic Education	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>1,051.31</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
	Total	11,400.00	5,042.41	18,900.00
870-00	Out-of-State Visitation			
870-01	Visiting other Grand Lodges	2,500.00	1,825.04	2,500.00
870-02	Conference of Grand Masters	3,700.00	2,339.40	3,000.00
870-03	Conference of Grand Secretaries	1,800.00	1,193.51	1,600.00
870-04	MSA & GWMNMA Conference	1,800.00	1,639.64	1,600.00
870-05	Regional Conference (SE)	2,500.00	2,229.16	2,500.00
870-06	World Masonic Conference (DC)	-	-	<u>1,800.00</u>
	Total	12,300.00	9,226.75	13,000.00
880-00	Annual Communication			
880-01	Grand Lodge Officers		5,596.08	
880-02	Past Grand Masters		1,870.50	
880-03	DDGM Travel		3,439.57	
880-04	DDGL's Travel		1,631.93	
880-05	Board, Committees, & Commissions		4,228.39	
880-06	Guests		6,347.52	
880-07	Auditorium, Banquets, Etc		18,014.19	
880-08	Printing		5,851.04	
880-09	Installation		<u>6,926.19</u>	<u>58,500.00</u>
	Total	54,000.00	53,696.91	58,500.00
890-00	Miscellaneous Expenses			
890-01	Awards, Aprons, and Emblems	12,000.00	12,158.58	14,000.00
890-02	Grand Master's Portrait	650.00	295.85	650.00
890-04	Contingencies	1,000.00	2,744.59	1,000.00
890-06	Grand Lodge Library & Archives	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>165.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	Total	15,650.00	15,364.02	16,650.00
900-00	North Carolina Mason			
900-01	Editor's Salary	22,077.00	22,075.92	22,960.00
900-02	Social Security Tax	1,689.00	1,689.00	1,756.00
900-03	Printing	49,000.00	40,519.33	49,000.00
900-04	Postage	42,600.00	38,032.02	43,000.00
900-05	Retirement/Life and Health Insurance	3,901.00	3,901.00	3,954.00
900-07	Travel	2,000.00	1,531.28	3,000.00

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900-08	Equipment and Supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
900-09	Internet Services	<u>2,250.00</u>	<u>1,796.25</u>	<u>2,250.00</u>
	Total	126,017.00	112,044.80	128,920.00
910-00	Development Program Administrative			
910-01	Accounting Assistant Salary	35,510.00	35,510.00	35,995.00
910-02	Social Security - Dir & Cler	2,716.00	2,716.00	2,754.00
910-03	Retirement/Life and Health Insurance	6,180.00	-	7,264.00
910-04	Travel Expenses	750.00	-	750.00
910-05	Telephone	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
910-06	Postage	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
910-07	Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
910-09	Office Equipment	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
	Total Development Program	52,656.00	45,726.00	55,263.00
910-12	Program Reimbursement	<u>(52,656.00)</u>	<u>(45,726.00)</u>	<u>(55,263.00)</u>
	Total	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,
T. Walton Clapp III, Grand Secretary

Report of the Committee on Charity

The Committee on Charity presented the following report, which was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Charity wishes to report the following disbursements since the last annual meeting:

To TMC (Matthews Lodge No. 461)..... \$1,000.00
To Harmony Lodge No. 299 (fire)..... \$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted
Earl Wells, Chairman

Report of the Grand Historian

The following report of the Grand Historian was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Records, written, visual, or recorded, are essential if valid history is to be written. Without such documents, only pseudo or "what if" versions of man's past, or stories literally spun from the writer's mind, are possible. Hence, one of the most important tasks the peoples of any age can be charged with is the preservation of such historical documents for future generations. This preservation and maintenance of the oldest of North Carolina's Masonic records began last October in a joint venture between your Grand Lodge and the Southern Historical Collection of the University of North Carolina's Wilson Library at Chapel Hill. Moved at that time from the Grand Lodge vaults, as reported in *The North Carolina Mason*, were old annual returns from the 1780s to the 1940s and minute and ledger books of extinct lodges.

These records will be conserved, cataloged, stored, and made accessible to scholars thus assuring the future of North Carolina's Masonic history. The transfer of the remaining documents in the Grand Lodge's archives to the Southern Collection will be accomplished in an orderly fashion as time and staff warrant. Individual lodges interested in sending their lodge minute and ledger books or other historical records to the Southern Collection for preservation are asked to contact Brother Ric Carter at the Grand Lodge office.

The editing of biographies of past grand masters for inclusion on the Grand Lodge web site is continuing and hopefully will be largely accomplished by year's end. Also continuing is the cataloging of the Grand Lodge's excellent library of printed books on Masonic history, symbolism, esoterica, and related interest. When fully cataloged, this library will be opened, by appointment, to students and scholars.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael W. Brantley, Grand Historian

Report of the Committee on Permanent Building

The following report of the Committee on Building and Grounds was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Our home nears its fiftieth birthday. On April 16, 1958, the Grand Lodge of North

Carolina dedicated their recently completed office building at 2921 Glenwood Avenue in Raleigh. The move from downtown to the present location was not without concern. Some warned that, "Nobody will ever drive far enough out into the country to see it." So much for the wisdom of the old-timers. In truth, the move out Highway 70 made us much more visible than the former building in which the grand lodge occupied an office suite. We now occupy a location that makes an impression on passersby even in this capitol city.

The condition of the Grand Lodge Office Building is very good. We feel that our building could serve as an example for lodges to follow in the upkeep of buildings. Our history mirrors that of many local lodges and can be a model for their future.

In earlier years, with the building was in its infancy, little money was banked for future maintenance. As parts of the building declined over the years, they were either cut off or shut down. In the 1970s, the deck on the back of the building needed renovation. Instead of repairing the decking, the deck was removed and the glass across the back of the building removed and sealed with sheet rock and mortar.

By the 1980s, three of the seven toilets in the building were not working due to obsolete parts. The original water heater quit working. Instead of repairing the water heater and toilets, the valves were shut rendering them inoperable. These were low cost, but shortsighted solutions. For the last several years, this committee has sought to repair and or replace building equipment, to recover from the decisions that gradually degrader our home.

In the last several years, we have replaced carpet, painted, and papered parts of the office. As we reported last year, we replaced the heating and air conditioning system. We are happy to report that we have seen significant savings on the monthly energy bills, enough to pay for the system in a few years. The building is much more comfortable, and the humidity is under control. Controlling the humidity will help preserve our history. Again, taking the steps to replace the system was significant. We thank the Board of General Purposes for their insight in approving to replace the system.

Last year, a wreck on Glenwood Avenue sent a construction delivery truck through our sign. The city required that we redesign our sign to comply with ordinances. The sign is designed, and we are awaiting the construction, shipment, and installation of a stone sign.

Our home, as any building, requires long-range planning. We are trying to make those plans. One of the elements of our building we need to restore is the glass across the back of the building. The deck and glass were important elements in the architecture of what was once named in the best 50 buildings in Raleigh. It was included alongside the Capitol, Dorton Arena, and other classic examples of building art here.

We have asked Structural Engineer L. S. Askew to review the plans and determine some initial costs of the deck and windows. As the building is approaching its fiftieth birthday, a donation of a \$1.00 per decade (five dollars) from each member should allow us to completely restore the building to its original splendor.

Brother Walter Klein of Excelsior 261, has done his part to advance the cause of the building endowment. Klein wrote *He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother Zeb*, the popular book on the Masonic history of North Carolina favorite son Zebulon Vance. All the proceeds from the sales of *Brother Zeb* go into the building endowment fund. You can get copies from the Grand Lodge office for \$15. He also does education programs and book signings on Zeb Vance.

We continue to receive occasional offers from developers to purchase our building. While the property is not for sale, all offers have been considered by the Board of General Purposes as they arise. None of the offers have yet approached what would be considered reasonable for the location. While this committee realizes that all offers must be received, it certainly hopes that consideration is always given to the intrinsic value of

our location and visibility as well as the real estate price of our neighborhood. Thousands of people pass our home each day and get a positive impression of the fraternity thanks to that presence. Those impressions are an important part of our value.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Honeycutt, Chairman

Report of the Lodge Service Commission

The following report of the Lodge Service Commission was received, entered on the record, and adopted by the delegates.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

During the past year, the following applications and inquiries have been received by the committee.

- An application from Bald Creek Lodge No. 397 to purchase property was approved.
- An application from Ft. Bragg Lodge No. 667 to purchase property was approved.
- An application from Franklin Lodge No. 109 to build a new lodge is pending. Additional information requested March 8, 2007 which was received July 27, 2007.
- An application from Oxford Lodge No. 122 to borrow money is pending. Additional information requested March 9, 2007.
- An application from Maiden Lodge No. 592 to borrow money remains pending until receipt of further information from the lodge. Additional information requested May 10, 2007.
- An application from Steele Creek Lodge No. 737 to build a new lodge, that was pending in last year's report, remains pending. Additional information was requested and received; it awaits review.
- An application was received from Richland's Lodge No. 564 to borrow money and purchase real estate, that was pending in last year's report, has been tabled awaiting additional information from the lodge.

There have been other informal inquiries. Policies and procedures to expedite Commission activities and coordinate them with and through the Office of the Grand Secretary remain under review.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Bowers, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

The following report of the Lodge Service Commission was received and entered on the record. Action on each of the requests was voted on later in the session. The results are reported here.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

During the past year, formal requests for recognition has been received from several grand lodges. This Grand Lodge subscribes to the services of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America

(hereinafter referred to as Commission) to gather information and investigate whether the grand lodge in question satisfies the conditions of regularity. The Commission's guidelines or Standards for Recognition are as follows:

- Legitimacy of Origin
- Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction, except by mutual consent and/or treaty.
- Adherence to the Ancient Landmarks – specifically, a belief in God, the Volume of Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the furniture of the lodge, and the prohibition of the discussion of politics and religion.

Grand Lodge of Ukraine

The Grand Lodge of Ukraine was consecrated on September 24, 2005 by the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise and the Grand Lodge of Austria. This grand lodge was constituted from four lodges previously constituted by the GLNF, and one lodge constituted from the Grand Lodge of Austria. The Commission is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Ukraine meets the standards for recognition. It is the recommendation of this committee to approve the recognition of this grand lodge.

The delegates granted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Ukraine.

Grand Lodge of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Grand Lodge of Bosnia and Herzegovina was consecrated by the Grand Lodge of Austria on April 16, 2005. This grand lodge has legitimacy of origin, exclusive territorial jurisdiction, and works in regular Masonry. The Commission is of the opinion that this grand lodge meets the standard for recognition. It is the recommendation of this committee to approve the recognition of this grand lodge.

The delegates granted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Grand Lodge of Mauritius

The Grand Lodge of Mauritius was consecrated on March 12, 2005 by the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise, and is comprised of eight lodges previously constituted by the GLNF between 1992 and 2004, one Scottish lodge dating back to 1864, one English lodge dating back to 1877, and one French lodge dating back to 1778. The consecration date was the 37th anniversary of independence for Mauritius. The Commission is of the opinion that this Grand Lodge meets the standards for recognition. It is the recommendation of this committee to approve the recognition of this grand lodge.

The delegates granted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Mauritius.

Grand Lodge of Slovenia

Following World War II, the country of Slovenia became part of Yugoslavia. In 1991, it became independent and is bordered by Austria, Italy, Hungary and Croatia. Freemasonry was sponsored in the former Yugoslavia by the Grand Lodge of Austria. On October 16, 1999, the Grand Lodge of Austria consecrated the Grand Lodge of Slovenia. The Commission is of the opinion that this grand lodge meets the standards for recognition. It is the recommendation of this committee to approve the recognition of this grand lodge.

The delegates granted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Slovenia.

Grand Lodge of Cyprus

The Grand Lodge of Cyprus was formed from six lodges working under the auspices of Grand Lodge of Greece. On January 15, 2006, the Grand Lodge of Greece formally set the Grand Lodge of Cyprus to work. Formal consecration of the Grand Lodge was held on October 8, 2006 by the Grand Lodge of Greece, Grand Lodge of Austria, and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The United Grand Lodge of England has been present in Cyprus since 1888, and has a district grand lodge with approximately 1,000 members. The Grand Lodge of Cyprus is claiming exclusive jurisdiction over Cyprus which the UGLE does not accept. The Grand Lodge of Cyprus was legally formed, works in regular Masonry, and generally meets standards for recognition. The Commission feels that an

agreement should be reached within the Grand Lodge of Cyprus if those lodges chartered by UGLE are to coexist with the jurisdiction of Cyprus. It is the recommendation of this committee to approve the recognition of this grand lodge.

The delegates granted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Cyprus.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas W. Gregory, PGM

Petitions for Restoration

Petitions for Restoration were received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Appeals. The petitions are listed along with their dispositions in the Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Report of the Judge Advocate

The following Report of the Judge Advocate was received, entered on the record, and adopted by the delegates to Annual Communication. Details of each case and the consideration of the delegates are to be found in the Report of the Committee on Appeals.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

During the last 12 calendar months, the judge advocate has considered fifteen (15) matters, and the disposition has been as follows:

Determined by the Judge Advocate.....	11
Felony Expulsions	(10)
Dismissals	(1)
Determined by the Trial Commission	1
Suspensions	(1)
Matters Pending Determination or Trial.....	3

Following is a summary of each case.

Respectfully Submitted
Jimmie B. Hicks, Jr., Judge Advocate

Report of the Committee on Bylaws

The following Report of the Committee on Bylaws was received, entered on the record, and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges reports that amendment to the bylaws of the following lodges were approved during the year 2006–2007. They are listed as approved

Eagle 19

 Complete by-laws revision

Concord 58

 Art 10 - dues increase to \$70

Western Star 91

 Art 8 - change meeting time to 7:30 P.M.

Fulton 99

Art 8 - change meeting nights to second and fourth Thursdays

Franklin 109

Art 10 - dues increase to \$85 plus the per capita tax

Franklinton 123

Art 10 - dues increase to \$50 plus the per capita tax

Leaksville 136

Complete by-laws revision

Knap of Reed 158

Art 11 - affiliation fee to \$25

Art 13 - increase Charity Committee cap to \$100

Central Cross 187

Art 9 - initiation fee increase to \$75

Art 11 - affiliation fee increase to \$25

Grifton 243

Art 10 - dues increase to \$65 plus the per capita tax

Monroe 244

Art 10 - dues increase to \$75

Catawba 248

Art 10 - dues increase to \$70 plus the per capita tax

Wake Forest 282

Art 10 - dues increase to \$50 plus the per capita tax

Vance 293

Art 9 - increase initiation fee to \$150

Art 13 - increase Charity Committee cap to \$200

Art 19 - several changes

Clay 301

Art 9 - increase initiation fee to \$125

Art 10 - dues increase to \$75

Pleasant Hill 304

Art 10 - dues increase to \$75

Raeford 307

Art 8 - change meeting night to second Tuesdays

Numa F Reid 344

Art 9 - initiation fee increase to \$125

Art 10 - dues increase to \$65 plus the per capita tax

Art 11 - affiliation fee increase to \$10

Bakersville 357

Art 13 - increase charity fee to \$500

Snow 363

Art 9 - initiation fee increase to \$200

Art 10 - dues increase to \$75

Art 13 - increase Charity Committee cap to \$50

Jefferson Penn 384

Art 13 - increase Charity Committee cap to \$500

Gastonia 369

Art 9 - increase initiation fee to \$150

Art 10 - dues increase to \$75

West Bend 434

Art 8 - change meeting date to third Tuesday

Marble Springs 439

Article 10 - dues increase to \$100

Enfield 447

Art 8 - change meeting nights to third Mondays

Saluda 482

Art 13 - increase Charity Committee cap to \$150

Southern Pines 484

Complete by-laws revision

Lucama 527

Art 10 - dues increase to \$65 plus the per capita tax

Spencer 543

Art 8 - changing meeting time to 7:00 P.M.

Richland 564

Complete by-laws revision

Doric 568

Complete by-laws revision

Meadow Branch 578

Art 10 - dues increase to \$75 plus the per capita tax

Apex 584

Complete by-laws revision

Roseboro 585

Art 10 - dues increase to \$100

Wallace 595

Art 8 - change meeting night to first Monday

Cranberry 598

Art 8 - change meeting nights to first and third Tuesdays

Cannon Memorial 626

Art 10 - dues increase to \$75

Elberta 654

Art 10 - dues increase to \$75

Guilford 656

Complete by-laws revision

Ft. Bragg 667

Art 8 - change meeting night to first Wednesday

Kernersville 669

Art 10 - dues increase to \$50 plus the per capita tax

Art 11 - increase affiliation fee to \$25

Art 13 - increase Charity Committee cap to \$100

Spindale 673

Art 10 - dues increase to \$60 plus the per capita tax

Acacia 674

Art 10 - dues increase to \$65 plus the per capita tax

Cherry Point 688

Complete by-laws revision

East Gate 692

Art 10 - dues increase to \$65

St. Andrew 702

Art 10 - dues increase to \$61 plus the per capita tax

King Solomon 704

Art 9 - increase initiation fee to \$200

Art 10 - dues increase to \$75

Stanley 713

Art 10 - dues increase to \$45 plus the per capita tax

Derita 715

Art 8 - change meeting nights to second Tuesday

Shallotte 727

Art 10 - dues increase to \$50 plus the per capita tax

John Huske Anderson 731

Art 10 - dues increase to \$100 (\$5.00 increase per year)

PP Turner 746

Art 10 - dues increase to \$70 plus the per capita tax

Clemmons 755

Article 10 - dues increase to \$125 plus the per capita tax

Wilkerson College 760

Article 10 - dues increase to \$125 plus the per capita tax

Respectfully submitted,
Dewey Keller, Chairman

Report of the Administrator Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Inc.

The following Report of the Administrator of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, filed before the change in administration at MESH, was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

It is my distinct pleasure to submit, what I hope will be the first of many reports I am asked to give to the Grand Lodge in the years to come.

I am humbled to assume this historic position and to follow in the paths of those distinguished administrators before me such as Henry Butler, George Bennett, Troy Robbins, and Tommy Jones. It is both an honor and a privilege to follow in their footsteps and a responsibility I do not take lightly.

There is no doubt that since this time last year, significant changes have occurred at MESH. The Board of Directors was faced with difficult decisions on numerous fronts and took proactive steps to ensure the future financial viability of the Home. These steps included opening up admissions, hiring Life Care Services as a management company,

and reevaluating the proposed development project. These decisions were made after much deliberation, and prayer, but have so far produced its goals of stabilizing the Homes operations.

The Board's decision to adopt an open admission policy, has resulted in the Health Center census steadily increasing from 83% in August, to recent average of 96%, thereby contributing to much needed increases in MESH's revenue. Occupancy in the Independent Living and Residential Living has also risen from just over the required 90% by the Department of Insurance to its existing level of just under 93%. If MESH is to continue to see improvements in its financial stability, it is critical that these occupancy rates be sustained at these levels.

Secondly, the board made the decision to hire Life Care Services LLC (LCS), the nation's third largest third party manager of senior housing and healthcare. It has been a relatively smooth transition. Since coming to MESH in late August, LCS, with the help of the Board and MESH staff, have made significant progress in several areas.

One of the first areas was measuring resident satisfaction. Within a month of coming on to the Community, LCS conducted an extensive resident satisfaction survey that has helped establish priorities for management and the Board in order to continue to improve the quality of life of its residents. As a direct result of this survey, MESH has, among other things, added 24-hour security on weekends, is now conducting more aquatic and exercise classes, upgraded cable TV accessibility (increasing the number of channels available from 10 to 70) and is providing better food quality in its Care and Wellness center by instituting its own working kitchen to prepare meals. There is also a renewed effort to beautify the campus which has meant working with MESH residents to identify both short and long term goals with respect to landscaping and beautification of its grounds. For example, in the past six months, the campus has doubled the amount of flowers planted and repainted its historic chapel. The resident satisfaction survey will once again be completed in 2008 and it is the expectation of LCS and the Board of Directors that resident satisfaction scores will substantially improve from their October 2006 benchmarks.

In addition to improving the quality of services to residents, LCS has been an excellent resource for MESH staff. Within the first 90 days, LCS conducted a thorough review of each department and worked with the staff to develop an action plan that specifically outlines areas of improvement for 2007. To help support these improvement initiatives, LCS has also brought numerous training resources to these departments, including visits by an experienced LCS resource team members, as well as eight MESH staff members having attended out of state LCS training seminars and symposiums, so that they have the tools they need to be successful in their positions.

I am happy to report that the operations and the financial viability of the Home are steadily improving. At the beginning of 2007, LCS, the staff of MESH, and myself presented the Board with a true break even budget. As of July 31, MESH has met its budgeted goals, resulting in an improvement in its net operating margin by approximately one million dollars from this time last year. These results have been achieved by census increases described above in the Care and Wellness Center and by increasing the number of Medicare and Medicaid beds that are certified, so that MESH may increase the amount of revenue derived from state and federal sources. There has also been cost savings achieved by LCS and MESH by not renewing the management contract with Aramark, renegotiating various vendor contracts, and greater expense control. Our continued objective has been to reduce expenditures, but not at the risk of decreasing resident services or jeopardizing resident care. We have also enhanced financial reporting standards and increased communication with the Board and its constituents so that there is greater detail available about the Homes operations and financials on a month-to-month basis.

With operations stabilizing, what does the future hold for MESH? The answer is

that the Board has approved LCS developing a new expansion/renovation project of MESH that is more fiscally conservative and smaller in scope than the project proposed over the past few years. The new project could consist of up to 75 Independent Living 1- and 2-bedroom units with a projected construction cost of \$25-\$30 million but with a more manageable long term debt of \$10-15 million once it reaches full occupancy. This project, when completed, will help MESH improve its services and amenities, as well as substantially improve MESH's fiscal position, further helping to subsidize its charitable program for its Masonic and Eastern Star members.

Other goals for the upcoming year include the further stabilization of the Home's finances, new initiatives to improve resident satisfaction and quality of life, and expansion of its Home Care program.

In conclusion, I want to thank Life Care Services and the MESH Board of Directors for selecting me as the executive director of MESH. This opportunity has truly been a life changing event for me and family, and we are extremely grateful for our many blessings.

From the bottom of my heart, I also want to thank the residents and staff at MESH who since day one have welcomed this Canadian into their Home with open arms and made me feel a part of their family.

I also want to acknowledge all of my fellow brothers of Mosaic Lodge in Chapel Hill for initiating me into their lodge and subsequently helping raise me to the sublime degree of Master Mason. More especially, I appreciate the dedication and patience of my coach (and resident of MESH) Dewey Crutchfield.

On behalf of the over 270 MESH residents, 85 of whom currently receive over a \$1.5 million in financial assistance, we say thank you to all the Masons in North Carolina for your hard work fundraising, your contributions, and the financial support of your foundation. Without your generosity, MESH would not be able to provide the quality of life your brothers and sisters have earned and deserve.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Kolada, Executive Director

Report of the Committee on the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina

The following report of the Committee on the Masonic and Eastern Star Home was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Life Care Services, Inc. was awarded a contract by the Board of Directors to manage the home with an effective date of August 21, 2006. Mark Kolada was hired as interim executive director and was made executive director in November 2006.

The Board's decision to adopt an open admission policy, has resulted in the Health Center census steadily increasing from 83% in August, to recent average of 96%, thereby contributing to much needed increases in MESH's revenue. Occupancy in the Independent Living and Residential Living has also risen from just over the 90% required by the Department of Insurance to its existing level of just under 93%.

In 2006, MESH received over \$1,059,000 in donations from the various Masonic and Eastern Star organizations. This amount represents an increase of \$113,000 from 2005. In 2007, MESH has budgeted \$1,080,000 in contributions as part of its operating budget.

At the beginning of 2007, LCS and the staff of MESH presented the Board with a

balanced budget. After the first six months, MESH is very close to meeting its budgeted goals of breaking even. Its projections for the remainder of the year appear to be favorable at this time. These results have been achieved by census increases described above in the Care and Wellness Center and by increasing the number of Medicare and Medicaid beds that are certified, thereby increasing MESH's revenue derived from state and federal sources.

There have also been cost savings achieved by LCS and MESH by not renewing the services contract with Aramark, renegotiating various vendor contracts, and greater expense control. The continued objective has been to reduce expenditures, but not at the risk of decreasing resident services or jeopardizing resident care. They have also enhanced financial reporting standards and increased communication with the Board and its constituents so that there is greater detail available about the Home's operations and financials on a month-to-month basis.

In October 2006, LCS conducted an extensive resident satisfaction survey that has helped establish priorities for management and the Board in order to continue to improve the quality of life for its residents. As a direct result of this survey, substantial improvements were made in the areas of food, security, activities, and landscaping. The Home now has better tasting meals with greater variety, 24-hour security on weekends, numerous aquatic and exercise classes, and improved cable TV service (increased channels from just ten the last few years to over 70). There is also a renewed effort to beautify the campus, which has meant working with MESH residents to identify both short and long term goals with respect to landscaping and beautification of its grounds. The resident satisfaction survey will once again be completed in 2008, and it is the expectation of LCS and the Board of Directors that resident satisfaction scores will substantially improve from their October 2006 benchmarks.

In late 2006, the Board of Directors decided to discontinue its plans to expand and renovate MESH using Banyan Development. In 2007, the Board asked LCS to put forth an alternative proposal and in August agreed to a new development agreement with LCS to develop a smaller, more fiscally conservative project than its predecessor. The new project is anticipated to add 50-75 one and two-bedroom independent living apartments, more common space, as well as renovate existing residential and care and wellness areas.

In July, your committee met at MESH with Executive Director Mark Kolada to evaluate the Home and its programs and to visit the facility. Mr. Kolada had been out of town for several days and returned early on the morning of our visit. During lunch, we were pleasantly surprised at the number of residents who stopped and told Mr. Kolada that they were glad to see him back and that he was missed. The committee left with a very good feeling about the direction that our Home is pursuing. We congratulate the administration and staff for their accomplishments during the past year.

I am also pleased to report that on July 31, 2007 Mark Kolada received his third degree as a Master Mason from Mosaic Lodge UD. Several Grand Lodge officers participated in the second section. Congratulations to Mark.

Masons should be proud of our Masonic and Eastern Star Home. We have a great facility that provides a wonderful service to our older brothers and sisters. We all need to continue supporting MESH!

Respectfully submitted,
Robert E. Gresham Jr., Chairman
Boyd Eugene Canter
Dennis Lee Hurst
Dennis Edwin Wilkey
Carroll Wayne Stockton

Report of the Administrator of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

The following report of the administrator of the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Life at the Masonic Home for Children (MHCO) is good. The Home continues to provide quality services as a caring, nurturing home for children who cannot live in safety or security with their families. The resident population of children in care has fluctuated between sixty and seventy-five the past few years following licensing of the Home, but during the same period we have provided services to an average of one hundred and twenty-five children each year. The census was sixty-five at the end of August 2007, with four referrals under review. Our goal is to work with families and children so the children can return to live at home in a safe and nurturing environment, but all too often the children are removed from our care and placed back into a less desirable situation before the family is stabilized. Still worse, there are a lot of children living in abusive and neglectful situations whom we could help if only the children were placed in our care. This is a challenge to all of us, especially our brothers and sisters in the communities throughout the state, to make families who need help with their children aware that we can offer a safe haven for their children.

The Home continues to use a holistic approach in child care, integrating physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and recreational training and counseling for well-rounded child development. Five to eight youths live in a home with an adult couple in a family-style setting. They live together, eat together, play together, have meetings together, do household chores together, and worship together. Once a child is placed in a home, we try to keep the unit together until it is necessary to reassign some youth to adjust for admission of new children to create compatible groups. The Home provides regular life skills counseling in the homes and with professional staff on campus, and a variety of recreation and spiritual opportunities are available for all the children.

Our children attend the Granville County Public Schools, and MHCO has a certified teacher on campus part-time to help new admissions to the Home transition into the local schools or to work with our students who have to serve out-of-school suspensions. We offer tutoring and special assistance for our children who are not meeting standards or who need extra help. We conduct summer enrichment programs for the children in grades 1-6 to reinforce or remediate reading and math skills in an enjoyable setting. Usually, the academic performance of our children improves as the year progresses. This is attributed to the children becoming stabilized in their new environment. Through the Troutman Awards, the children are rewarded for attaining high grades as well as for significant improvement from one grading period to the next. MHCO has dedicated scholarship money to assist high school graduates of the Home who wish to continue their education. One graduate finished his masters in accounting in June 2007, and another graduated with a bachelor of science in social sciences and is currently pursuing her masters degree online. We also have a male graduate entering his junior year at Wake Forest University on full scholarship and a female graduate entering as a freshman on partial scholarship at NC Central University. Two other graduates are participating in the Independent Living Program on campus and are attending the local community college.

In October 2006, MHCO revised the Independent Living Program and redesignated it as the Independent Living/Preparation for Adult Living (IL/PAL) program. Two resident advisors with college degrees were hired in September to work with the IL/PAL participants to help prepare them for adult life. In addition to graduates of the Home, youths who have aged out of foster care and high school dropouts who want a second

chance are accepted into the program. The IL/PAL participants must seek part-time employment and be enrolled in academic or vocational courses with the local community college. They are required to arrange their own transportation, pay token room and board, and participate in job skills and life skills training with a resident advisor. Since initiation, fifteen youths have participated in IL/PAL, with two voluntarily withdrawing and three dropped for failing to comply with the work, school, and conduct guidelines.

The Home offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities for the children, ranging from "family" outings to the movies or bowling and camping, fishing, and beach trips sponsored by Masonic lodges and other organizations. From spring through the fall months, a number of lodges provide cookouts and other meals and activities on campus for the children. Several girls are taking dance (ballet, tap, jazz) lessons and two are taking piano lessons. Some of the boys have taken lessons on guitar and drums and occasionally use their skills in worship services. Two of our youth participated with the middle and high school bands, two played junior varsity football, four played soccer, one was on the golf team, and several of the boys and girls participated in the high school JROTC program last year. The Home has interscholastic girls' volleyball and basketball teams and a boys' basketball team. Our girls also have volleyball and basketball teams that compete in the city/county recreation league. As many as thirty of our younger kids participate in the county youth soccer league. Children, staff, and family members participate in special group activities for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and the end of the school year. The swimming pool is open from Memorial Day through September. In addition, there are a number of trips off campus for all the youth practically every week throughout the summer. We have a Family Fun Festival twice a year to bring the parents and guardians on campus to do fun things with their children and give the staff the opportunity to update records and release forms for the children. Still, we hear an occasional "There's nothing to do around here!"

We continue to provide regular and interesting spiritual development programs for the youth. Services are conducted in the chapel on campus weekly, and occasionally special groups are invited to add variety. *Bible* study groups meet in the chapel and in the homes. Youths are encouraged to participate in community projects and have participated in canned food drives for the local community and delivered food and other supplies to a homeless shelter in Raleigh. They recently "adopted" a needy child in Sri Lanka and collect and send regular contributions for her care. Some of the teenagers have formed a Youth Advisory Council to assist in developing worthwhile outreach projects. Youth and staff have become more involved with Sunday School and the choir.

Medical treatments and programs are coordinated by the campus nurse, but most of the routine requirements are handled by the child care workers (CCWs) in the homes. Prescribed medications are procured by the nurse but are secured and administered by the CCWs. Weekly inspections are conducted to ensure medications are secured, distributed, and documented properly. Routine sicknesses and minor injuries are treated in the homes, with serious or contagious problems taken to the local hospital. All applicants for admission are required to have a current physical examination before being admitted. As a rule, all our children are covered by Medicaid or medical insurance with the families. The campus nurse administers annual flu vaccinations and other inoculations, as required. Dental, orthodontic, and optic treatment costs are reduced significantly thanks to individuals and companies that donate the services and supplies. We were fortunate to make it through the year without any major medical problems with the children. We are trying to focus on prevention and have implemented programs to emphasize wellness and weight control for the children and are encouraging staff members to set the example and care for themselves better. We have enrolled several teenage girls with staff supervisors in an introductory exercise program with Curves, and we will be preparing standard recipes and training the CCWs to improve food preparation.

Despite key personnel losses and significant turnover of child care workers, the Home is well staffed. There were periods of four to six weeks on a couple of occasions during the year that MHCO was short as many as four CCW couples due either to unanticipated resignation or termination or because of medical problems of direct care staff members or their immediate family. Each time other staff stepped in to do extra work; not once did we have inadequate staffing in any home. In October 2006 Lisamarie Trivett replaced Steve Polak as program director, while maintaining responsibilities as human resources coordinator and training coordinator. Polak was reassigned as supervisor of the Independent Living/Preparation for Adult Living program. Also in October, after twenty-five years of service to the Home, Mike Norwood resigned as facilities maintenance supervisor to run his own business. Another position in maintenance was eliminated in December, with the three remaining employees in the maintenance shop absorbing the workload. Personnel costs are down, but expenses for maintenance service calls have increased.

Douglas McConnell retired as administrator effective April 1, 2007, and Allen Hughes, assistant administrator/chief financial officer, was appointed interim administrator. McConnell provided valuable service to the Home through his extensive knowledge of child care procedures and regulations and in the application of that expertise to get MHCO accredited. Despite the grumblings of naysayers and malcontents who disagreed with program changes that resulted from licensing, the Home has continued through the years to provide quality care for children in need. McConnell helped to formally document the procedures of MHCO and was instrumental in reestablishing our reputation as a premiere child care provider. He leaves as his legacy his contributions in returning the Masonic Home for Children to the forefront of the child care community. He left behind a competent staff, several of whom were present upon his arrival, and efforts to continually improve services for children and families are ongoing.

Chaplain Matt Rondeau resigned effective May 20, 2007. A review of the job description and requirements of the position did not justify a full time chaplain, so the duties were assigned to the primary CCWs of Masters Cottage. Both are ordained. Another staff position was eliminated after review of the progress of the IL/PAL program revealed lower participation, less income, and higher costs than projected. To effect improvements and reduce expenses, the position of supervisor of IL/PAL was eliminated and Mr. Polak was released June 30, 2007. The program director will provide overall supervision of the IL/PAL program.

Following a strategic planning session and meeting by the Board of Directors on August 9–10, 2007, during which a vision for the future of the Home and the desired qualifications of administrator of MHCO were identified, the Board appointed Allen Hughes as administrator. The first order of business of the new administration is to evaluate the capabilities and professional goals of current staff and to redistribute many of the financial and business management duties of the CFO among current staff. Assessment of staffing needs will be made after a period of adjustment. Excluding assistant administrator, at the time of this report MHCO is short one supervisor/clinician and two CCW couples from being fully staffed, with fifty-one full-time and two part-time employees assigned. A recent change in the state licensing rules increased the staffing requirements; if our census increases as we expect, MHCO may have to add as many as two more supervisory positions.

Qualification of the staff continues to improve. Several staff members are pursuing associate degrees, and two key staff are enrolled in masters programs in business management. Periodic training is conducted with all the staff and the direct care workers receive regular training for professional development, including training and testing for national certification as child care workers. Our training far exceeds licensing standards.

Upgrade and renovation of campus facilities is a continuing process. Four of

the cottages vacated by the move to the new single-story homes in 2003 have been renovated, with two-room suites replacing the dormitory-style living space. Two of these renovated cottages now house the Independent Living/Preparation for Adult Living program, one is for overnight and weekend lodging for families of our children, Masons, sponsors, prospective employees, etc. The other is now a Masonic lodge with four apartments upstairs for off-duty CCWs. Another cottage is being renovated to provide better accommodations for our high school juniors and seniors. The cottage will have a separate computer lab that will be accessible to the IL/PAL residents as well as the residents in the cottage. Renovation of the offices and restrooms in St. John's Administration Building was completed in the last quarter of 2006. Restrooms are now handicap accessible, and a second handicap ramp was added. The facelift of the gymnasium is almost complete. This year we replaced the heating and cooling systems with more energy-efficient units, repaired the showers and plumbing, and refinished the basketball court and bleachers. Thanks to a special gift in December 2006 we have been able to repair and upgrade the exterior and interior of the chapel, to include renovation of the auditorium and stage in the basement. Painting of the sanctuary was completed at the end of August 2007. Repair and cleaning of the steeple are the only major project remaining at the chapel, and contract bids are being received for that work. A 400-KW emergency generator has been wired to the electrical panel for St. John's Building and Cafeteria. The generator, as well as much of the manpower required to rewire and hook up the generator, was donated. The generator has the capacity to keep the administration building and the dining hall/cafeteria fully operational during a power failure. This can serve as an emergency shelter during extended power outages.

We have made significant improvements to the condition and appearance of the campus facilities in the past five years, but much remains to be done. After the ongoing renovations of Parham Cottage are completed, we still will have four two-story brick cottages unoccupied and in need of renovation, and Gray Cottage (occupied by teenage boys) needs major cosmetic work, if not renovation. We anticipate eventual expansion of the IL/PAL program to four cottages instead of the two currently used. However, it is imprudent to consider expenditures for renovation until a real need is established. Two immediate issues we need to address are off-duty housing for child care workers and the condition of the aging underground utilities, especially water lines and the sewer/drainage system. At full staff we have fourteen CCW couples, with as many as five off duty at the same time, and most are from out of state. To get and keep good CCWs, we will have to provide a comfortable place for them to live during their breaks. Rotating apartments as motel rooms has not worked. This has become a key factor in recruiting because practically all residential homes now provide on-campus housing to CCWs. We are considering options to meet this requirement. The second problem addressed — the condition of the underground utilities — is more of an unknown due to varying ages. A recently completed location survey indicated that the campus has 55,000 linear feet of utilities. We also have completed a video inspection of most of the drainage system and are gradually repairing or replacing deficient areas. The swimming pool is showing its age and needs major repairs.

MHCO has had another fortunate year financially. Income and donations exceeded expenditures in 2006, and this year has been another banner year through August. The majority of the revenue is from major gifts, wills, trusts, and investment income generated by those gifts. Donations from individual Masons and Masonic lodges account for about 10–11% of annual contributions to MHCO. Several major gifts have been designated for specific projects, such as chapel upgrade and building renovation, but they have enabled us to do necessary improvements without having to draw from investments. The major liability of the Home continues to be the bond debt incurred to build the new cottages in 2002. Current balance of the debt is \$5.3 million, with annual principal payment of \$400,000 and interest expense and fees in excess of \$250,000. The bond letter of credit is due for renewal in August 2008.

The School of Graphic Arts printing operations has reversed the recent trend of major losses and had another year with revenue in excess of expenses. The shop provides quality printing services to MHCO, Grand Lodge, Masonic lodges and other Masonic bodies, as well as to the general public. Although OSHA and child labor laws limit the type and level of training we can conduct in the shop, a group of eight to ten of our high school students regularly receives training in graphic arts. Once they reach eighteen years of age, the students are eligible for training on the printing presses and larger equipment. We are coordinating with the local high school and community college to develop a formal graphic arts program to provide better training for our students. A formal program of instruction will allow us to do more extensive training. The youths continue to publish the student newsletter, *Campus Tracks*, and a school yearbook, with the assistance of the staff advisors.

MHCO continues to receive excellent support from many of the Masonic lodges and individual Masons. In addition to the monetary gifts to the Home, several lodges provide in-kind gifts of school supplies, gift cards, food items, cookouts, and trips for the children. Several of the lodges and private groups remember our children on special occasions, especially at Christmas. Orphans Lodge No. 761 meets on campus quarterly. Members bring treats for the children each meeting and share lunch with the children after the April and December meetings. All monies raised by the lodge in excess of expenses are contributed to MHCO. The Little Miss North Carolina Queens are to be singled out as special contributors. For the past 8-9 years the pageant winners have adopted MHCO as their charity and have contributed over \$75,000, including \$10,000 in 2007, to the Home. They also visit and worship with the children and remember them on special occasions. These young ladies are a shining example for all of us.

While MHCO receives support from across the state, the Home also provides numerous services to the local community. For years our gymnasium and athletic fields have been used by the City of Oxford and Granville County Recreation volleyball, basketball, soccer, and little league baseball programs. The local high school uses our soccer fields and also uses roads on campus and the farm for cross-country practice and competitions. The gym is used regularly by a local karate club (which offers free training to our youth) and occasionally by tumbling teams and cheerleading groups. This year MHCO hosted a blood drive for the Red Cross, and in June, the Home served as overnight and weekend hosts in support of more than two hundred bicycle riders participating in the Tour-de-Cure to raise funds for diabetes research. Our dining hall/cafeteria, chapel, and conference facilities at the Cobb Center are frequently used by local nonprofit groups, the school system, community agencies, civic groups, and businesses. Our archives and museum in the Cobb Center are drawing more and more interest as exhibits are expanded. Vance-Granville Community College has been using our dining hall and cafeteria to teach culinary arts since August 2006. This level of activity with outside groups on campus certainly benefits the community, but it increases the challenges of protecting the safety and privacy of our children.

The Masonic Home for Children has been privileged to have an excellent and participating Board of Directors with its dedicated chairman, Douglas Caudle. The Board has been proactive, with committees meeting regularly to address current issues, and Chairman Caudle has been readily available and prompt to respond to requirements with short deadlines that required his action and signature. The diversity of skills and backgrounds and the willingness of the Board members to discuss challenges and make the tough decisions have led to development of a vision for the future of the Home. We will face a number of challenges to ensure we will be able to continue to provide quality services to families and children in need long into the future. Our Home has a competent staff and a dedicated and professional Board to meet the challenges. All are to be commended for a job well done.

We thank all our donors and supporters for helping make the Masonic Home for Children a quality residence for children in need of out-of-home placement. We invite

you to visit the Home and the children and see the good that is being done. More importantly, if you know of a child that needs our help please refer the family to us.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Allen Hughes, Administrator

Report of the Committee on the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

The following report of the Committee on the Masonic Home for Children was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children.

The following annual report from the Committee on The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (MHCOC) is submitted in accordance with the provisions of Reg. 34-18 of *The Code*.

The history of MHCOC is similar to many present day child care agencies operating in the Carolinas and in the nation. Originally opened as an orphanage in 1873, MHCOC has gone through an evolutionary transition from orphanage to boarding school, and to its present state as a residential child care facility offering a wide range of social services for children and their families.

The mission of our fraternity's children's home is to assist families in need by providing a safe, homelike setting for children until they can be reunited with family or achieve independence. The mission is accomplished by providing the following: quality residential care; parent education and counseling; spiritual, academic, and social skill development; assistance with higher education; community education; family reintegration; independent living opportunities; and aftercare & follow-up services.

Services Provided During the Past Year by the Numbers

- 115 — different children served
- 67 male, 48 female
- 88 Caucasian, 23 African American, 3 Hispanic, 1 Multi-racial
- 68 — average number of children at the Home per day
- 24,666 — number of days of care in 2006
- 14.3 — average age of resident in years
- 10.4 — average length of stay in months
- 51 — full-time staff members
- 29.4 — percent increase in income thanks to several major gifts and legacies
- 70 — percent of annual budget in 2006 realized through planned gifts and earnings
- \$860,378 — Masonic donations, a 25% increase in 2006
- Priceless — providing quality residential care to youth in need!

Who is Eligible for Admission to Residential Care at MHCOC?

- Children who are dependent, neglected, abused or who are otherwise unable to live in their own homes
- Children newborn to twenty-one years who are residents of North Carolina
- Children who are determined to be low risk and those who do not present a real and present danger to themselves or others
- Children who are able to function in the public school system and must, as a condition of continued residency attend public schools
- Children who will be able to function in a group setting and be able to relate appropriately to peers and adults

- Children who will complement the composition of the Home to which they are being considered for placement and will be compatible with the Home to which they are being considered.
- MHCO is not licensed to care for those children who have been determined to be “At Risk Youth.”
- MHCO cannot accept into care youthful sexual offenders, substance abusing clients, clients with a history of setting fires, expectant mothers, or clients who are deemed by the Admissions/Discharge Committee as presenting a real and present danger to others, to include violent behaviors, or distribution of illegal drugs or intoxicating substances.

An Administration Change

At the time that this report is being drafted, it has just been announced on August 10 by the Board of Directors that Allen Hughes has been named as administrator of MHCO. Hughes is the eighteenth administrator in the 135 plus year history of the Home. The announcement is also historic in that he is the first alumnus to serve as administrator. Following as successful military career, he has served as the business manager and interim administrator at MHCO for over six years.

The above announcement follows the resignation of Doug McConnell, who retired from the position in April 2007. Special appreciation is extended for McConnell’s leadership in licensure and accreditation, improving the efficiency and effective management of the budget, the Vision Capital Campaign, campus improvements, and public relations.

The Need

MHCO has the capability to provide more service to more children at a minimal increase in costs. All Masons are encouraged to be vigilant for families that the MHCO may assist.

Numerous opportunities exist for planned giving to MHCO. More information, including a copy of the annual report, is available at www.mhc-oxford.org or contact the Home at 1-888-505-4357. Contacts include:

Administration — Allen Hughes

Admissions — Frances Blackwell

Independent Living Program — Steve Polak

Donations, Marketing, and Public Relations — Chris Richardson

The MHCO School of Graphic Arts — Eddie Dickerson

The Bottom Line

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford is one of the great efforts of the Freemasons of North Carolina. Today the home is fully licensed by the state of North Carolina and accepts children referred by Masons, Masonic lodges, community leaders, the departments of social services, and individuals in need of assistance. The new homes for children that were constructed in 2002 are staffed by couples who supervise eight or fewer children and operate the group as a family group. Meals are fixed in the homes and schedules and plans are discussed and made to accommodate the children and staff living in the home. Families are involved in all aspects of the placement and attend school conferences, assist with shopping for clothes and provide valuable input into the lives of the children and staff living in the home. Terms of stay are shorter, and there is assistance provided to families during their time of need to help them reunite. For those children who are in care for a long term, assistance is available for college and vocation and training following graduation from high school. The child care workers working with the children are fully trained and most are nationally certified in their field. Professional supervisors and clinicians are available for counseling and advice.

The Masonic Home for Children is a quality facility with quality staff providing services to youth that are in genuine need of assistance. It merits our genuine efforts

of support.

Respectfully submitted,
Lewis Ray Ledford, Chairman
Mitchell Bruce Arrowood
James Alonzo Griffin
Stanley Grover Henson
Frank Ronald Reece

Resolution of the Committee on Finance

The following resolution by the Committee on Finance was received, entered on the record, and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Finance shall be the first order of business at the morning session of the Grand Lodge held on Saturday, September 29, 2007, and,

Resolved further, That all resolutions, motions, and reports asking for or carrying appropriations and expenditures not included in the proposed budget, shall be placed before the Grand Lodge before 4:00 P.M. on Friday September 28, 2007, and,

Resolved further, That all such matters offered after 4:00 P.M. on Friday, September 28, 2007, be carried over to the next business communication of this Grand Lodge when the 2009 budget will be considered.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Glenn Adams, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business

The Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. The matters contained therein are, along with the dispositions thereof, included in the Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Report of the Representative to the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association

The following report of the representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was received and entered on the record. The portion pertaining to finance was referred to the Committee on Finance. The recommendation that we continue membership was adopted by the delegates.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your representative attended the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association meeting held in the Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon on Monday, February 19, 2007, with the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

At the Association meeting Michael D. Brumback, president of the Memorial Association gave a presentation of the founding of the Association on February 22, 1911 (George Washington's birthday) and how that meeting led to the inception of the Grand Masters Conference. The program was very interesting and informative including the

architectural design. Although this first meeting took place in 1911, the groundbreaking ceremony took place on Shooter's Hill, June 5, 1922. Shooter's Hill (originally called Shuter's Hill, after an early Alexandria resident) may have gotten its name because a Union Civil War fort was located there. I have made inquiries as to the availability of the presentation given in Portland, for local programs, and was told that it was being prepared for such use. I highly recommend it for all Masons and their families. Remember that it is less than 4 years now to the 100th anniversary of that founding meeting.

At the annual meeting in Portland this year, our Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon was elected to the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

On February 25, of this year the George Washington Masonic Memorial celebrated the 275th birthday of Brother George Washington with the presentation of the first George Washington Memorial Award. The new award was created to honor individuals who have promoted the virtues, character, and vision of George Washington. It was presented to a New York author Richard Brookhiser, for a book he has written titled *Founding Father, Rediscovering George Washington*.

Each month the Memorial recognizes and honors the grand lodges that support and sustain the Memorial. August was the Grand Lodge of North Carolina month.

I make the following recommendations:

- That we continue our membership in and support of the George Washington Masonic Memorial
- That through the DDGMs, current and future educational material from the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association be made available for local lodges.

Respectfully submitted
Charles E. Cathey, PGM, Representative

Report of the State Coordinator to The Masonic Service Association

The following report of the representative to the Masonic Service Association of North America was received and entered on the record. The portion pertaining to finance was referred to the Committee on Finance. The recommendation that we continue membership was adopted by the delegates.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your state coordinator attended the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association of North America held in the Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon on Monday, February 19, 2007, with the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

Richard Fletcher, PGM VT, executive secretary, gave a report on the work of the MSANA. The primary functions and activities of the MSANA are: disaster relief, the Hospital Visitation Program, education and information and other services that support the grand lodges in their programs.

The Hospital Visitation Program is deemed by the Masonic Service Association of North America as its major relief work. With the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq leading to the ever increasing number of wounded service personnel in our VA Hospitals, state veterans homes and extended care facilities, our Masonic Hospital Visitation Program's need for workers and funds is growing. Every Mason can be a part of this program. If he can't be a volunteer, he can provide some level of financial support. Financial support is imperative to keep this program functioning at a level that the veterans need and our Masonic obligations require. Many lodges and individuals

make contributions to the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services, supporting their Christmas Program. Often, the gifts provided by these funds are the only Christmas some of the Veterans receive.

Brother Fletcher gave a report on the annual Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Award, which was originated in 2006. Participation in the Twain Award competition is a journey enhanced through learning, doing, and networking. It was initiated to heighten Masonic identity and to restore the energy of Masonry within the lodge and throughout the greater community. The first winners were announced and received a beautiful trophy. There were 11 lodges from 11 different grand jurisdictions across the country that received the Twain Award. Three were in the Southeast: one each from Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. Masonic Awareness both within the lodge and throughout the community deserve to be recognized. Additionally, these lodges need an opportunity to share their views and accomplishments with other lodges across North America, building a forum of Masons committed to a strong Masonic fraternity today and into the future.

There is a current appeal for Masonic Relief in Kansas. On May 10, 2007: A tornado completely destroyed Greensburg, Kansas. Destruction in that area has left utter devastation in the wake of this tornado. The need for assistance is urgent.

My recommendations are:

- That we continue our membership in and support of the Masonic Service Association of North America.
- That the lodges and members of this grand jurisdiction be kept informed of the educational materials available from the Masonic Service Association.
- That the lodges be encouraged to participate in the Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Award program
- That the grand master continue to schedule visits to the VA Medical Centers in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted

Charles E. Cathey, PGM, State Coordinator

Petition for Charter

A Petition for a Charter from Mosaic Lodge UD was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee and Charters and Dispensations. The petition and its disposition are included in the committee report.

Petition for Duplicate Charter

A Petition for a Duplicate Charter from Elise Lodge No. 555 was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee and Charters and Dispensations. The petition and its disposition are included in the committee report.

The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc.

The following report by the North Carolina Masonic Foundation was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Publication of *The North Carolina Mason*

The following report of the Board of Publication of *The North Carolina Mason* was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina

Your *North Carolina Mason* is, and continues to be, one of the outstanding Masonic papers in the country, reaching nearly 48,000 Masons in North Carolina and many Masons in other jurisdictions. It has always been the goal of our editor, Ric Carter, and The Board of Publications, to present the views of our members in an unbiased manner, whether they be the popular or minority viewpoint. We are grateful to contributing members for their enthusiasm, interest, and cooperation in the submission of pictures and articles on Lodge activities for printing which helps make our paper the high quality publication that you, as members, deserve. However, this section of the paper, ever so interesting to the Craft, can improve if a little extra time is taken to insure that the camera is in proper focus and with a high pixel rate. Brethren, keep up the good work, your picture quality seems to be improving.

Have you noticed that your *North Carolina Mason* does not have an address label and is now Bar Coded; that the name and address are printed directly on the paper; and that there are tabs to hold the paper together? Bar Coding the paper has proved to be very beneficial to us from a cost stand point to improved delivery. The Post Office has to do minimum handling; the size of *The North Carolina Mason* is the maximum size of a First Class Letter; it is addressed like a letter; and it can thereby be sorted with First Class mail for delivery. This makes for a more timely delivery to the Brethren.

It is a continuing concern of your Board of Publications to exercise good stewardship in keeping costs down without sacrificing information flow or quality. The content of the *North Carolina Mason* has improved again this year, and each Brother is receiving his paper timely and at the lowest Postal rate. We reached the full potential in Bar Coding use in 2006. Great effort and excellent cooperation from MHCO Graphic Arts and Printing Department, Grand Secretaries Office, and the Board of Publication is ongoing to assure that the budget will realize the maximum savings possible in postal costs.

The North Carolina Mason received several awards for 2007:

In the North Carolina Press Club's 2007 Communications Contest, Carter and *The Mason* brought in first place awards in three divisions: Editing of a Publication other than Newspaper for Carter's editing of the paper, Editorial in Publication other than Newspaper for the editorial "Power and Peril in Pride," and for Feature Photography in a Publication other than Newspaper for the photo entitled "Kids Flip Over the Ride." Carter picked up three more awards for work outside *The NC Mason*.

Two of those placed in the National Federation of Press Women's 2007 Communication Contest. The photo won a national first in division, and the editorial placed third. Carter picked up two more national firsts for other work.

We wish to thank our Grand Lodge officers for their help and support. The Graphic Arts and Printing Department of the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford deserves special recognition for their outstanding service.

Do you need to read an article in *The North Carolina Mason*, but your copy has been misplaced? The WEB site <http://www.grandlodge-nc.org> will have a copy on file that you can access through the Internet. The Board of Publication budget supports the WEB site — "Electronic Publication."

We hope that you get as much joy out of *The North Carolina Mason* as we do in keeping the means working so that you can be kept well informed. We have had a great year! Everything is working as it should, and more efficiently, and with only a 4% percent budget increase for 2008 due to \$400.00 Postal, salary, and fuel cost increases.

Another year has passed without an increase in printing and handling costs, and the MHCO Print Shop is still operating in the black — profits help support the MHCO. Enjoy your paper!

Respectfully submitted,
Eddie H. Moody Jr., Chairman

Report on the Committee on Masonic Education

The following report of the Committee on Masonic Education was received and entered on the record.

To the Most worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education began the year with a joint meeting with the Committee on Public Relations. Much information was shared between the two committees and thoughts for future joint projects were explored.

In April, we returned to the popular Lodge Night Programs which provided a lodge education program for three months. The booklet was sent to the masters and secretaries of all the lodges in the state. From comments we discovered the program had been missed, and another in the series will be issued in October. In addition, the Committee is designing and preparing a series of three act plays to be distributed later this year and early in 2008.

We wish to thank the brothers who have commented on the programs and offered suggestions. This is the bottom line of designing the type of programs you, the Masons of North Carolina, want and will enjoy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Weatherington, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Masonic Public Relations

The following report of the Committee on Masonic Public Relations was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The work of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Public Relations can be characterized as an assembly of sink-or-swim projects. Fresh ideas are studied and, if worthy, given the time, work and private funding to mature to success.

1. "Masonic Treasures of the Carolinas" is to be a new website displaying photos and stories of important Masonic places throughout the two Carolinas that the public can freely visit at any time. Grand Lodges of both states are giving their approval and priceless cooperation. This program will be years in the making.
2. The erection of "A Hero Among Masons" granite monuments at the grave sites of revered Masonic leaders continues actively. They now include Zebulon Vance, William R. Davie, Joseph Montfort, Abraham Hodge, and Richard Caswell. Each event involves appropriate graveside services, corn/wine/oil ceremonies, participation by Grand Lodge officers, and crowds of 40 to 50 persons.
3. The committee has printed 50,000 small, bright yellow decals depicting the square and compasses and an arc description, "Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of North Carolina." They are being issued free with instructions at our 2007 annual communication. Ideally they will blossom on 50,000 NC vehicles to identify Masons proud to be brethren. They will also produce \$50,000, one dollar at a time, that our lodges will generate and keep for their own purposes.

4. All Past Grand Masters have been enlisted to serve as ambassadors to NC press and broadcast leaders. They are calling on editors and owners near their homes to chat about Freemasonry in their coverage areas and answer questions about secrecy, racial harmony, and local heroes.
5. The North Carolina Masonic News Bureau is now a reality. It has assembled an accurate list of hundreds of NC publications and television stations that include small weeklies, college periodicals and armed forces newspapers — all fertile sources of tomorrow's Masons. The first news release announced the return of Brother Richard Caswell to his week-long Kinston celebration in mid-August, giving extensive coverage of Masonic aspects of the life of the state's first governor and second grand master of Masons. All releases included a superb Caswell portrait supplied by our Grand Lodge.
6. The committee organized the Montfort Medalists to become a viable, working Masonic body. Many assembled April 14 in Historic Halifax to celebrate the Masonic lives of Joseph Montfort and Abraham Hodge, Brother George Washington's printer and public relations counsel. Their first project is to be the financial assistance in the repair of the historic Halifax lodge building where Brother Montfort is buried.
7. Failure to recognize the Masonic lives of Presidents Jackson, Polk, and Johnson at their birthplaces drew our committee to act. Only the Jackson site in South Carolina welcomed our efforts by approving our committee's production of two videos for continuous showings in their visitor center. One video will tell the Jackson story and the other the story of his Masonic life. This project is in its infancy.
8. Our chairman continues his talks — 51 so far — among lodges about the Masonic life of Zebulon B. Vance. Lively sales of the book, "Brother Zeb," continue. But, thousands of copies remain unsold. Even the state-owned Vance birthplace at Reems Creek north of Asheville refuses to sell or display "Brother Zeb."

The committee, unable to meet in person, does so by e-mail and telephone. One approved project, that of marketing the concept of Masons Make Heroes, was shelved because of committee concerns. Cooperation with the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education continues to be excellent and productive. Other than the invaluable services of the Grand Lodge office, there are no costs to be reimbursed on any of the above projects.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter J. Klein, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Masonic Youth Organizations

The following report of the Committee on Masonic Youth Organizations was received, entered on the record, and such parts as required were adopted by the delegates.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

It is again my privilege to report on the Masonic Youth of our jurisdiction. It was my pleasure to serve as executive officer of the DeMolay in North Carolina since 2002; however, I stepped aside from the position in February 2007 in favor of Frank Silber, a member of James B. Green Lodge No. 735 who was serving as my deputy and as chairman of the Grand Lodge Masonic Youth Scholarship Subcommittee. He was trained to serve as executive officer in June and has the full support of the DeMolay family as well as the Grand Lodge. Frank, formerly a state master councilor of North Carolina DeMolay, is the first past SMC to hold the position of executive officer in this state.

Counterparts in the other two organizations are Kay Letterman of the International

Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Sandy Dunbar for the Job's Daughters. Together, these leaders has dozens of years working directly with the youth of this state, and I speak for all when I say that they are grateful for the monetary support of the Grand Lodge. Without that support, major activities could not be held, youth representation at international conferences could not be attained, and covering some of the basic expenditures, such as insurance, would be a strain. With that, I will report on some of the highlights and struggles we have had over the last year.

A subcommittee was established in 2001 to award Grand Lodge Foundation Scholarships for our Masonic youth. Co-chaired by Johanna (Riddle) Silber from Raleigh and Leanne (Hicks) Keith of Wake Forest, this sub-committee developed the program, reviewed candidates and awarded scholarships. This year two deserving young ladies from the Rainbow organization and a DeMolay from Jacksonville received scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,300. Our committee is proud of these young people, and we are looking forward to the continuation of this program in 2008 and future years. We wish to thank Past Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor Johanna Silber, Past Rainbow Grand Officer and Past Worthy Matron Leanne Keith, Past State Master Councilor Kyle Hughes of Hiram Lodge No. 40, Past Honored Queen and Miss Job's Daughter Heather Moore Mallard, and Past State Master Councilor Jonathan Shores Jr. for their service to the scholarship subcommittee. We especially want to thank the Board of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation who have seen fit to offer this benefit to members of our youth organizations.

The Rainbow held their Grand Assembly at the North Raleigh Hilton in June. Job's Daughters are down to one Bethel in Raleigh. Both are looking for new members, and continue to find great young people to fill their ranks, and adults willing to step up and serve. A goal of these organizations has been to work together for fun and leadership training however, the goal has been strained for several reasons, partly due to scheduling conflicts.

DeMolay held its first conclave in several years in January 2007 with the election of state officers and the re-starting of the chapter in Asheboro. There continues to be support for a potential Triad area chapter; that would combine the efforts of Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and High Point, however in the eighteen months since the concept was raised, little progress has been made. Dad Silber is seeking the reinstatement of the Salisbury/Rowan County Chapter with the help of some former DeMolays in the area. Dad Silber will have his hands full, as I did, in rebuilding DeMolay in this state. He has the tools, but needs the assistance and cooperation of the Lodges to make it happen.

Last year I made a report on the demographics of this state and our participation in our youth activities. Those statistics bear repeating. For a state the size of North Carolina, and the number of Masons we have, we should have more youth activities, more chapters, assemblies, Bethels, more members, and more adult involvement. I'll explain why. An analysis was prepared by an adult volunteer in another jurisdiction, which compared state populations and Masonic membership statistics, to youth organization membership. When looking at a ratio of DeMolay membership to Masonic membership, North Carolina was near the bottom. It was also poor when comparing to state population. It goes without saying that the tenth most populous state should have a better standing in these surveys.

Part of the struggle relates to race, which is also a challenge in several other southern states; however, the North Carolina youth organizations and their sponsors are on record and have policies that do not prohibit membership based on racial or any other make up of the individual. A good kid is a good kid. The goal of these organizations is to turn them into the good citizens of tomorrow regardless of their racial, financial, religious, or handicapped status.

An important and vital part of the success of these groups is the recruitment, training, and service of adult volunteers. It is difficult, sometimes, for these organizations to find

and train these volunteers on a regular and consistent basis. Some of the difficulties in establishing new groups in some areas of the state, such as Charlotte, Greensboro, and many other places in the western and eastern parts have been the result of a lack of adult volunteers, lodge sponsorship, and commitments to these groups, not just in money but more especially in time and expertise.

DeMolay is trying. They have brought in staff members from their international headquarters; they have submitted articles to *The North Carolina Mason*; they have been a part of the Wilkerson College curriculum for the last two years. None have ever been hurt for lack of monetary support. The Masons of this state are generous in terms of allowing the use of their facilities and providing funds when requested. What all these groups need are adult leaders and youth recruiters for the next generation of our Masonic brothers & sisters.

Regulation 61-8 of *The Code* requires every subordinate Lodge to have a Committee for DeMolay that is tasked to, "assist in the formation of DeMolay Chapters in their communities and assist with the supervision of the said chapters." In my view, this regulation would be followed if you supported ANY of the three groups, not just DeMolay. The Grand Lodge Committee, as I see it, is to assist you in accomplishing this requirement. In the next year, we will explore ways of bringing more light to our brothers. We'd like to be a part of the grand master's plan for next year and subsequent years. We would like our activities and well being to be the part of the message brought by the DDGMs & DDGLs. Those two officers alone can help to coordinate youth activities in the field and assist with contacts in their districts. The goal is to grow. They didn't get into this situation overnight and should not expect to come out any quicker. The solution is out there and it starts with us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles V. Rouse Jr., Chairman

Report of the Board of Custodians

The following report of the Board of Custodians was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The members who served on the Board of Custodians during the year 2007 were: D. Allen Surratt, grand lecturer; Dalton W. Mayo, chairman; Dwight M. Sigmon, secretary; Stewart C. Hodges; Mitchell L. Spruill; R. Steven James, and John W. Couch. Dan Hogue served as liaison with the Board of General Purposes.

The Board of Custodians met regularly during the year, with meetings held on January 12, April 13, July 13, and September 27, 2007. The fall meeting was scheduled to coincide with the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Winston-Salem.

Certified brethren qualifying for the Laudamus Certificate in 2007 are: Floyd Lee Brooks, Pigeon River Lodge No. 386; Amos Jones Bullard, Mount Olive Lodge No. 208; John Robert Franklin, Fort Bragg Lodge No. 667; Howard Kahn, Semper Fidelis Lodge No. 680; William Harold Keenum, Holland Memorial Lodge No. 668; Robin Stuart McCombs, Keller Memorial Lodge No. 657; Stewart Wayne Pittman, Charles B. Newcomb Lodge No. 740; Julian Martin Pitts, Widow's Son Lodge No. 75; Larry Eugene Sizemore, James K. Polk Lodge No. 759, and Kevin Protus Wood, Piedmont Lodge No. 681.

District deputy grand lecturers qualifying for the Past District Deputy Grand Lecturer Certificate in 2007 are: Hyler Wayne Cox, District 2; Johnny Marvin Smith, District 3; Johnny Love Reynolds, District 5; Walter James Williams, Jr., District 8; John William Davis III, District 14; Kevin Protus Wood, District 23; Thomas Lee

Hartman, District 33; William Theodore Cope, District 36, and Wilson Todd Lancaster, District 39.

One certified lecturer completed 50 years of service in 2007: George Melvin Oliver, Radiance Lodge No. 132.

Pierre Harry Hanks was approved in late 2006 for the designation of certified lecturer emeritus, amending the previous total to six brethren receiving this award in 2006.

Twenty-six brethren out of the thirty-one eligible, with twenty-five years or more service as a certified lecturer, were the first to exercise the option of requesting waivers for re-examination in accordance with Reg. 29-7 (5), revised and adopted at the Annual Communication on September 23, 2006, effective January 1, 2007. To support consistency in the interpretation of this revised amendment, the Board at its January 2007 meeting, adopted a set of guidelines to clarify that only active certified lecturers and instructors with the required years of service would qualify to request the Waiver.

The 2007 Certified Lecturer examinations were held according to the following schedule: August 11: Greenville and Greensboro; August 18: Wilmington and Charlotte; August 25: Fayetteville and Asheville. The examinations continue to be offered on Saturday in an effort to be more accommodating to our certified brethren who have work conflicts. The Board expresses its sincere appreciation to the brethren at the six locations who donated the use of their facilities for the examinations.

A total of sixty brethren were examined at the various locations. There were seven new Class "A" certified lecturers and four new Class "B" certified instructors. Two brothers reinstated their Class "A" certificate, and one brother reinstated his Class "B" certificate. Four brothers upgraded their certificate from Class "B" to Class "A". Upon completion of the exams, there was a gain of eight certified brethren, despite losing two due to NPD, three to death, and two that dropped from the program. This was the first gain in certified brethren since 2002 and the revised amendment Reg. 29-7 (5) has positively impacted this trend. We currently have 325 Class "A" certified lecturers and 13 Class "B" certified instructors for a total of 338 certified brothers.

The booklet "Important Information Concerning the Certified Lecturers" is posted on the Grand Lodge web page and is available to anyone with access to the Internet.

A web page solely for District Deputy Grand Masters and District Deputy Grand Lecturers and a web page for the Board of Custodians are also being maintained. The Board expresses its grateful appreciation to Al Hardy for his valuable assistance in making these resources available.

The Board unanimously approved supplying *Vocabulary* books to the district deputy grand lecturers to use during their tenure as DDGLs. This action by the Board of Custodians was discussed at the meeting of the Board of General Purposes held on March 9. After their discussion, it was decided that Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon would issue an official opinion in favor of this action prior to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in September 2007, and it will be voted on by the delegates at that time.

After discussing the general proficiency of work throughout the state, there was a motion made and seconded to amend the current rules governing the Lecture Service. This amendment would require a mandatory Lecture Service for all lodges of five hours and to occur every other year. Odd number lodges would be required to have this service during odd years, and even number lodges would be required to have this during even years. This new requirement will begin in 2008 with the even numbered lodges. The motion passed unanimously.

After much discussion on the subject, the Board narrowly approved proposing a Resolution to print the red letter floor work of the OSW in English in a separate softbound book, excluding the several secret sections in the three symbolic degrees

that divulge the secrets of the degree. If approved by the delegates at the 2007 Annual Communication, this book will be available to sell to any member in good standing of a subordinate lodge falling under the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The Board issued a proposed amendment to 29.9 (5) of *The Code* to remove the middle sentence requiring two Schools of Instruction per year. This proposed amendment will be available for vote at the Annual Communication in 2008 and would give the Board more flexibility in coordinating Schools of Instruction in conjunction with the mandatory five-hour Lecture Service. It should be noted that the purpose for this proposed amendment is not to do away with Schools of Instruction.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to develop an on-line web based secured site of an electronic version of the *Vocabulary* to be available for all Master Masons in good standing in North Carolina. Webmaster Alvin Hardy will investigate the concept in conjunction with the grand secretary. It was agreed that the Board would assist as necessary and approve the final version.

The Board of Custodians expresses its appreciation to Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon for his enthusiastic support of the Board of Custodians and the certified lecturer program, and to Grand Secretary Walt Clapp for his valuable assistance during the year. The Board also expresses its appreciation to Grand Lecturer D. Allen Surratt for his tireless efforts as the new grand lecturer. To all our certified brethren throughout the state, we extend a sincere "thank you" for your continued faithful service to our Craft.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dalton W. Mayo, Chairman
Dwight M. Sigmon, Secretary

Resolution Regarding the OSW

A Resolution to allow printing the "red wor" from the Official Standard of the Work was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of General Purposes. **The petition and its disposition are included in the board report.**

Report of the Commission on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities

The following Report of the Commission on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Commission on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities is pleased to report that fundraising activities in the subordinate lodges are continuing to increase with activity for the 2007 calendar year. So far this year, the committee has received requests from sixty-four lodges with a wide variety of requests and ideas for fundraising activities. The committee is pleased to announce that all requests have been approved, and the fundraiser financial reports indicate a total success with all fundraisers.

Requests continue to come in on a nearly daily basis from the subordinate lodges. Many lodges are now beginning to communicate more often with the Special Activities Committee with questions and concerns about their projects. Lodges are learning that special projects may be used for repairs to the lodge buildings that were not approved in past years. As a result of these questions, the committee has revised the fundraiser guidelines from the previous year. For the benefit of those lodges that do not have a copy

of the guidelines, they are herein printed for your convenience:

Special Activities Commission Guidelines

- A lodge may hold up to two food fundraisers during each calendar year for the charities. Each fundraiser should be different and not two of the same kind (for example, a barbecue pork in the spring and barbecue chicken in the fall). The Commission should approve all fundraisers plus any additional fundraisers a lodge may want to hold. • A lodge should try not to have more than two food projects a year as it may be considered by government officials as interfering with local businesses.
- A fundraiser should be completed in approximately sixty days from start to finish. You do not want to have an ongoing project, for instance, a lodge breakfast the first Saturday of each month for six months or a raffle where tickets would be sold for four or five months.
- A lodge may have a fundraiser for a building fund project. If the lodge is in major need of a new roof, carpet, air conditioning or heating system, handicap ramp, etc., a fundraiser may be used to supplement the building fund project. The building fund project should be a once-a-year effort. A raffle is not a good idea for a building fund project because 90% of the proceeds must go to charity and the remaining 10%, which can be used by the lodge, will not be as great.
- All printed tickets for any project should indicate where the proceeds are going and what charities will benefit from them.
- A fundraiser may NOT be used to supplement the lodge operating expense account. A dues increase should be considered if there is a short fall in operating expenses. This is covered under section 77-1 of The Code.
- A fundraiser may be used for a community project such as placing books in the town library, scholarship fund, etc.
- Ideas for a fundraising project include: food projects, golf tournaments, putt-putt golf tournaments where the families can be included, fishing tournaments, pancake breakfasts, charity motorcycle rides, etc. Use your imagination.
- Raffles may also be used. Guidelines for raffles are a little stricter. 90% of all raffles receipts MUST go to the charity. Some raffles that have been used in the past include: televisions, a vacation package (such as a trip to Kings Dominion), gift certificates, motorcycles, cars, campers, utility trailers, riding lawn mowers, power washers, shopping sprees with a local business, black powder guns or shotguns (A note on firearms – permits are not required for black powder but ARE on all others. The winner will need to acquire a firearm permit before taking possession of the firearm.) Fifty/fifty drawings should not to be used. Cash cannot be given away as a prize, but gift certificates can.
- There is an application form that should be used for the approval of all fundraising projects and a financial report form to be used after it is completed. Both of these should be mailed to the chairman of the Commission on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities. The current chairman is:

J. Luigi Ammons
 PO Box 6043
 Raleigh, NC 27628
 919-834-8873

jlammons@mindspring.com

All subordinate lodges should continue to use *The Code* of the Grand Lodge of NC to assist them with the qualifications on fundraising projects. Reg. 43-12 of *The Code* covers fundraising activities. A few lodges are still refraining from obtaining permission of the Commission prior to their project. The Commission hopes this will improve in

the following year with better communications between the subordinate lodges and the Commission on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities. The Commission's main purpose is to keep lodges in good standing with the tax structure in North Carolina.

The Commission would like to extend its sincerest appreciation to all lodges that have complied with the guidelines of the committee. The Commission also wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon, for his support during this calendar year and to Grand Secretary Walt Clapp, for his valuable assistance to the Commission. The Commission will continue to strive to reply promptly to all lodges requesting permission and/or information for a fundraising project.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Luigi Ammons, Chairman
S. Ray Ashby
Albert M. Jones

Report of the Committee on Masonic Ceremonies and Miscellaneous Publications

The following report of the Committee on Masonic Ceremonies and Miscellaneous Publications was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Our committee's major project, *More Light in Masonry*, was completed in spring 2007. *More Light* is a booklet mailed to newly-initiated Masons with a letter of congratulations from the grand master. The booklet welcomes new brothers into our fraternity, provides a brief history of Masonry in North Carolina, and discusses the rewards of getting involved in the lodge and the community.

More Light was originally envisioned as a publication for new Master Masons. When we learned that more than 20 percent of Entered Apprentices never return for the second degree, we decided to adapt the booklet for this audience. We hope the brochure and letter, delivered at a critical point in the Masonic career, will help reduce the dropout rate between the first and second degrees.

The committee thanks Ric Carter for the outstanding brochure design and cover art, and the School of Graphic Arts at the Masonic Home for Children for the high-quality printing.

The brochure is available on the Grand Lodge Web site at <<http://www.grandlodge-nc.org/education/MoreLightIn%20Masonry.pdf>>. We welcome comments and suggestions for future versions.

Respectfully submitted,
Speed Hallman, Chairman

Resolution on Prince Hall Recognition

A Resolution to give fraternal recognition to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina was received and entered on the record. The petition and its disposition are included in the Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Plaque Presentations

Grand Master Rigdon was given plaques of appreciation from the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Masonic

National Memorial. MSA Executive Officer Richard Fletcher and GWMNM Executive Officer George Seghers made the presentations.

Message from Tennessee Grand Master Armstrong

Tennessee Grand Master Orville Armstrong addressed the delegates to Annual Communication. His remarks are included in the Apendices.

Grand Master Gene T. Jernigan Final Report

Past Grand Master Gene T. Jernigan presented his final report, supplementing his interim report presented at the previous Annual Communication. His complete and final report appears in the 2006 *Proceedings* of the Grand Lodge.

First Day
Afternoon Session

At 1:15 P.M., Grand Master Rigdon called the Annual Communication to order.

Cathey Grand Lodge Scholarship Chairman William L. Dill introduced Christopher Edwards, a recipient of the Cathey Grand Lodge Scholarship. Edwards thanked the Masons of North Carolina on behalf of the scholarship recipients.

After non-Masons were excused from the room, Grand Master Rigdon resumed labor in the Grand Lodge.

Report of the Committee on Necrology

Tommy L. Jones, chairman of the Committee on Necrology, presided over the memorial service honoring our members who have died since our last Annual Communication.

Final Report
of
Grand Master
W. Berry Rigdon

Grand Lodge of
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of North Carolina

2007

Report of the Grand Master

The following report of Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon was entered on the record and adopted.

Welcome to the 220th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina here in Winston-Salem.

Thank you for the honor, privilege, trust, and support you have given me this year to serve as your grand master. We each have many experiences and stories to relate concerning this year and I sincerely hope yours have been as enjoyable and rewarding as mine.

Pursuant to the provisions of *The Code*, it is a pleasure to submit this report.

Necrology

The Committee on Necrology will conduct a memorial service during this Annual Communication in memory of those Brothers who have departed this life for that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveler returns. May we remember the seeds they have planted for the good of Masonry for future generations to harvest.

DDGM/DDGL Meetings

In November of last year we conducted five area meetings held in Siler City, Waynesville, Statesville, Williamston, and Wallace with the DDGMs and DDGLs. We outlined some of our program for the year including:

- Changes are taking place in our fraternity, we want to recognize them and allow them to take place for the good of Masonry;
- Getting inactive members active; having a positive attitude for the good of Masonry;
- Positive changes taking place at MESH and MHCO; I requested that they challenge each lodge to raise and give at least \$300 more than previous years;
- Some lodges have again proposed acceptance of the Resolution to recognize Prince Hall; I suggested they notify lodges in their district if they wished to join other lodges in the state in cosponsoring the Prince Hall Resolution to do so before December 31, 2007, and notify the Grand Secretary in writing;
- That we were planning on having a coin struck to give out at district meetings;
- Asked that they get photos and specific directions to lodges in their district and get posted on a website or to the assistant to the grand secretary, so that maybe sometime in the future we might get a printed directory.

District Meeting

At the twenty-five District Meeting across the state your Grand Master was well and properly received. Traveling with me at most of the meetings were Grand Secretary Walt Clapp or Assistant to the Grand Secretary Ric Carter; Grand Tyler Doug Moore; and Grand Lecturer Allen Surratt; along with the several Grand Lodge officers, when in their area.

My presentation was as follows:

District Meeting Presentation

I am sure that everyone here is aware that NC State and Carolina played in basketball the first Saturday in February. One of the TV commentators stated he had watched NC State practice the day before, and they seemed to be of a mindset and were practicing with a determination, or attitude that they could beat North Carolina who outranked them. He also stated as the game progressed on Saturday, they seem to be playing as though they would win, and they did. Attitude, it seems to have a lot to do

with success no matter what the effort.

The theme of the 2006 Conference of Grand Masters in North America held in Nashville, Tennessee was "Planting Seeds for Change." Maybe this year you and I can plant a few seeds that will be for the betterment of Masonry in the future. I am sure there are a lot of good ideas out there. But, let's also not forget to look and recognize the seeds planted by those who preceded us and be ready to harvest the bounty of fruit and grain their efforts have afforded us. Things are changing every day whether we like it or not and whether we are prepared for it or not. I don't always like or appreciate some of those changes. For instance when I looked in the mirror a year ago, there were not as many gray hairs, but my very intelligent wife informs me that gray hair makes a man look more distinguished and hopefully wiser. So, I changed my attitude and accepted it. It is our desire this year that all things will be sown and harvested for the good of Masonry. Changes are taking place and are going to happen in our fraternity. We want to recognize them and allow them to take place for the good of Masonry. Each of us has to have a positive attitude for this to occur.

As you know we have had several changes the past few years at our Homes in Oxford and Greensboro. We feel they have been positive changes and have been well received by most. At the Oxford Board meeting in February, Brother Doug McConnell announced his retirement and resignation. He has done a fantastic job of organizing and setting the Children's Home in Oxford on a positive path leaving behind a competent staff to operate the Home. Brother Doug has been building a new house in the Morganton area in anticipation of his retirement. Brother Allan Hughes will assume interim administration responsibilities while a search goes forward for a new administrator. Things are running very smoothly serving 70 to 80 children monthly, but many more than that over the course of the year, as some children come in for a short time and then members of their family get back on their feet and take them back home. In August the Board at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home hired a management firm, Life Care Services, who brought in a manager Mark Kolada. The residents seem well pleased with Mark and his efforts. We feel confident that we have a possible chance of meeting a more realistic budget this year, (that's not a promise), but based on figures we are receiving so far for the first quarter things look good right now as long as some unforeseen event does not happen. This would be in lieu of \$1.2 million in the red for 2006. I am being optimistic and having a positive attitude that this will happen. Back in August I would not have made that statement, it would have been more like I hope we can survive three to five years to get this ship turned around, so we can break even. I have asked the district deputy grand masters to challenge each lodge to have a special fund raiser just for MESH this year in addition to their normal contributions to our Charities. If we can get each Lodge to give an average of \$300 more this year than last year, this will help tremendously toward meeting budget. Of course we know some will give much more than \$300, while others will still give nothing, that's their choice.

When we speak of changes, of course we always think of purposed changes to The Code. Lodges had until December 31 to get these to the grand secretary, and they should be going out to the lodges shortly. The grand secretary has presented some of these to you this evening, and we need to consider each prayerfully and make wise, well-informed decisions as to how we will cast our ballot.

All our lodges have more inactive than active members. We need to think and share ideas on how we might get more of our inactive members involved. They need to hear from us other than when we want their dues or a contribution to the charities. Every member is important. Each came of his own free will and Masonry needs and wants them. We sometimes refer to mentor programs, or as Past Grand Master Pervier stated "one-on-one" or "Mason-to-Mason." Most of us became a Mason and became involved because someone took an interest in us and took time to invite us to be involved. Past Grand Master Charles Cathey would call me before every blue lodge, York Rite, or Scottish Rite meeting and ask if I would like to ride with him or maybe drive. Just a

reminder of the event and an offer, it then became my choice to go or not. Are we giving our Brothers enough opportunities of choice, or are we calling once or twice and then deciding he not going to go anyway, why bother or why waste my time? Even though the Brother may not come or get involved, you have let him know he is thought of and that he is apparently important to the craft. This may keep him from being dropped for non-payment of dues later. How do we slow down, stop or even eliminate NPDs? Seems simple to me. Every member become an endowed member and change the initiation fee to include a endowed membership. Now how to we get that passed in our lodges or Grand Lodge is another matter. It's not going to get any less expensive to become endowed, and I for one don't have several thousand dollars to leave my lodge for future generations, other than the small amount from becoming endowed. Like the poem "The Bridge Builder," that's what you are doing to a degree by becoming an endowed member, building a small financial bridge for those who come after you. There is also the memorial endowed membership in memory of that departed brother. His family might even be interested in purchasing this. But we need to work toward the end of not having NPDs. We need to stay on top as best we can in cases of a brother needing to have his dues remitted.

Are you satisfied with your efforts in Masonry? Do you feel you have been rightly rewarded for your efforts? The Great Light in Masonry offers us some words to ponder and consider concerning our work and its reward. In Matthew, Chapter 20:1-16, it says:

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

1. For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard.
2. He agreed to pay them a penny for the day and sent them into his vineyard.
3. About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing.
4. He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right."
5. So they went. He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing.
6. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?"
7. "Because no one has hired us," they answered.
He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard."
8. When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first."
9. The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a penny.
10. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a penny.
11. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.
12. "These men who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day."
13. But he answered one of them, "Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a penny?"
14. "Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you."
15. "Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious?"

because I am generous?

16. "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

What are Master's Wages?

The Short Talk Bulletin from February 1933, gives us some ideas. "Wages of a Master Mason" may be classified two ways; first those inalienable rights which every Freemason enjoys as a result of payment of fees, initiation, the payment of annual dues to his lodge; second, those more precious privileges which are his if he will but reach out his hand to take.

The first wage is passing the tyler and attending lodge, mingling with his Masonic brothers, instead of being conducted through the west gate as a candidate. The right to visit other lodges and having the opportunity to see and hear the beautiful ceremonies of Freemasonry, to take from them again and again a new thought. For him with open ears and an inquiring mind, the degrees lead to a new world and the glorious history of the craft. Master's wages are paid in acquaintances and are surely far greater than the effort put forth to earn them. The right to a Masonic burial. To some the practical wages just mentioned are the important payments for a Master Mason's work.

But to others, the more intangible opportunities to give, rather than to get. To these the opportunities for service through the craft ranks higher. Freemasonry offers opportunities to unusual talents which are not always easily found in the profane world. There is always something to do in a lodge. There are brethren to be taught, committees to be served, and many times this is thankless work. One who cannot find his payment in his satisfaction of a task well done may feel he received no Master's wages. Service leads to the possibility of appointment or election to the line of officers. There is little Master's wages this opportunity pays, because only those who have occupied the oriental chair know what rewards it holds. But past masters know! To them is issued a special coinage of Master's wages which only a master may earn. Ask any of them if they do not feel well paid for their labor. The greatest wage is the making of many friends. Those brethren you count as nearest and dearest friends on the rolls of the lodges they love and serve. Think of the brethren you would have most likely never met, let alone got acquainted with who are friends today. Think of the every day experiences in a Masonic lodge which you are privileged to enjoy. The teachings of brotherly love, relief, truth, temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, patriotism, and love of country. I feel well paid and hope you do also.

If you are an 18-year-old, newly raised Master Mason or a 100-year-old Master Mason raised 79 years ago, you are equally important to the craft. Your efforts to support the individual lodges and Grand Lodge are important.

You were given a coin when you entered the lodge room.

Now that you have received your symbolic Masonic wages, what are you going to do with them. Let us again seek light and wisdom from the Great Light in Masonry with another familiar passage, Matthew 25: 14-29:

14. Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.
15. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.
16. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.
17. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more.
18. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
19. After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with

them.

20. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more."
21. His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"
22. The man with the two talents also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more."
23. His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"
24. Then the man who had received the one talent came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed."
25. "So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."
26. His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?"
27. "Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest."
28. Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.
29. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

God has blessed each of us with many talents, some more than others. It is not for us to compare, but be willing to exhibit, invest, and use our talents for the betterment of mankind, which will enhance Masonry. To do this, I think we must each have a positive attitude. Be willing to work with each other. Listen to other ideas. Look for positive changes that will benefit Masonry. Remember change is coming whether we are ready and willing or not. Many seeds have been sown by those who preceded us. Let's pray to the Great Architect of the Universe that we can recognize those that are ready for the harvest and have a positive attitude to support and allow them to flourish. Remembering the mission statement of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina: "To Teach the ancient philosophical tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth." And the words spoken to you by the Master when as an Entered Apprentice, you were brought back into the lodge and placed in the northeast corner. "My brother, you there stand as a just and upright Mason, and I give you strictly in charge ever to walk and act as such." No business, no group of people, no individual makes the right decision every time, yet by trying and being positive they succeed. My brothers, be positive and keep putting forth the effort. For the good of Masonry.

So mote it be

Joseph Montfort Medals

At the District Meeting of the 40th District, held at Sonoma Lodge No. 472, on April 17, 2007, it was my honor and privilege to present the Joseph Montfort Medal to Charles E. Cathey, past grand master of Masons in North Carolina in AL 6000. Brother Charles has been a brother to me in every sense of the word, encouraging and leading me forward by his actions and deeds, not just words. Then on July 9, 2007, at the Great Smokies Summer Assembly, held in Maggie Valley, during my keynote address, it was my honor and privilege to present Joseph Montfort Medals to Dennis Lee Cook, past grand commander of Knights Templar of North Carolina 2002, past master, of Kilwinning Lodge No. 64 in Wadesboro, and to Dolan Allen Surratt, past most illustrious grand

master of Royal and Select Masters in 1993, currently serving as secretary general of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, sovereign grand master of the Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America, and grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Each of these brothers has and continues to serve Masonry in many capacities, and it has been my honor to serve with them and several others who have received this honor. The first Joseph Montfort Medal was presented to J. Ray Shute at the Great Smokies Summer Assembly in 1940.

Physical Disabilities

To date, there have been fourteen waivers of physical disabilities for petitioners for the degrees. These were possible with the assistance of the district deputy grand master of the district in which the petition was received who in each case made a personal investigation of the petitioner and reported to me. A hardy thank you to each for the prompt and efficient manner they responded and handled these investigations. Two were disapproved.

Dispensations Granted

December 13, 2006, granted dispensation to Wilkerson College Lodge No. 760, to hold their stated communications on the dates and places listed below:

February 10, 2007 in East Gate Lodge No. 692, in Charlotte

April 14, 2007 in Raleigh Lodge No. 500, in Raleigh

June 9, 2007 in Biltmore Lodge No. 446, in Asheville

August 11, 2007 in Pilot Lodge No. 493, in Pilot Mountain

December 29, 2006, granted dispensation to Oak Island Lodge No. 758, in Oak Island to elect a junior deacon at their stated communication on January 18, 2007

January 2, 2007, granted dispensation to Fairfield Lodge No. 520, in Fairfield to elect officers at the stated communication on January 2, 2007

January 4, 2007, granted dispensation to Queen City Lodge No. 602, in Rocky Mount to elect a treasurer at their stated communication on January 18, 2007

January 23, 2007, approved the resignation of Chuck Rouse as executive officer of DeMolay in North Carolina to the grand master of DeMolay effective April 1, 2007 and approved of Rouse's recommendation of his replacement, Frank Edwin Silber of Raleigh, upon final approval by Supreme Council of DeMolay International on June 14, 2007

January 26, 2007, granted dispensation to Guilford Lodge No. 656, in Greensboro to hold its stated communication on March 19, 2007, at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro

January 30, 2007, approved the Commission of William R. Currier as grand representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near the Grand Lodge of AF & AM of Massachusetts

January 31, 2007, granted dispensation to Dunn's Rock Lodge No. 267, in Brevard to elect a senior warden

February 3, 2007, granted dispensation to allow Mosaic Lodge in Chapel Hill to meet as a lodge

February 9, 2007, granted dispensation to Wilmington Lodge No. 319, in Wilmington to elect a junior warden at their stated communication on March 6, 2007

March 7, 2007, granted dispensation to Elise Lodge No. 555, in Robbins to hold all emergent and stated communications without a charter until such time as a replacement charter has been issued

- March 22, 2007, granted dispensation to Junaluska Lodge No. 145, in Franklin to hold all stated and emergent communications without a charter until such time as their charter has been refurbished and returned
- March 23, 2007, approved the resignation of David L. Allen from the office of master of Laurinburg Lodge No. 305, in Laurinburg and approved the appointment of Pro Tem Master Thomas D. Rogers
- March 30, 2007, granted dispensation to Buffalo No. 172, to elect junior warden at their May 7, 2007 stated meeting
- March 30, 2007, approved renunciation of Charles Lee Sims, to petition to receive the degrees at Raeford Lodge No. 306, in Raeford
- July 16, 2007, granted dispensation to Mosaic Lodge UD, to hold an emergent communication at Greensboro Masonic Temple on July 31, 2007, for the purpose of conferring a third degree on their candidate
- July 26, 2007, granted dispensation to Guilford Lodge No. 656, to elect a master at their stated communication on August 20, 2007

**Honorary Title of
Past District Deputy Grand Master**

Name	Lodge	District
Wayne Roger Lambertson	53	1
John Joseph Brown	680	4
William Eley Blanchard	39	5
Charles Augustus Wethington	583	7
Billy June Graves	138	12
Charles Leonard Phipps Jr.	499	13
Bruce Elmo Marshburn	165	14
Horace Roby Wyatt	646	17
James Delvin Herring	474	18
Paul Shaun Bradshaw	428	23
Eric Brooks Morrison	691	25
Ervin Walter Allen Jr.	473	27
Joseph Patrick Link	27	30
Alvin Leonard Hardy	363	33
William Gary McKinney	544	36
Jadd Wesley Brewer	598	37

**Honorary Title of
Past District Deputy Grand Lecturer**

Name	Lodge	District
Hylar Wayne Cox	2	328
Johnny Marvin Smith	3	509
Johnny Love Reynolds	5	418
Walter James Williams Jr.	8	519
John William Davis III	14	218
Kevin Protus Wood	23	681
Royal Sanford Jarvis	217	27
Thomas Lee Hartman	33	594
William Theodore Cope	36	713
Wilson Todd Lancaster	39	446

Masonic and Eastern Star Home

In August, 2006, the Board at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home made changes to the by-laws and hired a management firm Life Care Services. Life Care Services brought in a Administrator Mark Kolada who, with the assistance of LCS, the residents, the Board, and the Great Architect of the Universe, has begun to reverse the financial situation at MESH. We are thankful that the financial situation is progressing toward operating in the black instead of the red, making us optimistic of meeting a balanced budget this year.

At the February Board meeting Senior Grand Warden Dan Rice was appointed chairman of the Board. The intent is for him to serve as least three years in this leadership position to give continuity and stability to the Home and staff as it goes forward with expansion and day-to-day operations.

Mark has joined Mosaic Lodge UD and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on July 31, 2007. We welcome you to our fraternity Brother Mark.

For more detailed information about MESH, please refer to the Administrator's Report and to the Report of the Committee on Masonic and Eastern Star Home printed in this publication.

Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

As most of you know by now Brother Doug McConnell announced his retirement at the February Board meeting. Brother Doug had been building a new home in the Morganton, NC area in anticipation of his retirement. Alan Hughes has stepped up to the duties as interim administrator along with his other duties as finance officer. Hughes, along with able assistance of Chris Richardson and other personnel, have carried forward the progress of the Home working together with the Board and Chairman Doug Caudle.

I would like to personally compliment Chris Richardson, the entire staff at MHCO, and the Masons of our three Shrine Temples, Oasis, Sudan, and Amran for the efforts in making a fantastic St. John's Day celebration this year. The parade and entertainment were great and the events for children seemed to be enjoyed by all.

For more specific details please read the Administrator's Report and the Report of the Committee on Masonic Home for Children at Oxford printed in this booklet.

VA Hospitals

On March 21, 2007, along with the Most Worshipful Ron Mitchell and several other brothers from South Carolina, we visited the VA Hospital at Oteen. We were given an orientation and tour of the rest home facilities by hospital personnel along with MSA volunteer Inza Lance. We have heard from Salisbury MSA Representative Bill McComb and Fayetteville MSA Representative Jim Hay in inviting us to visit. We plan to visit these as well as the Durham facility, before the end of our term in office along with MSA Representative Most Worshipful Charles E. Cathey.

Conference of the Grand Masters in North America

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held in Portland, Oregon on February 18-20, 2007. Others in attendance were Past Grand Master Charles E. Cathey, our representative to the Masonic Service Association of North America and the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association; Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer Clifton W. Everett Jr.; Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III; Past Grand Master William G. Mathis, representative to the National Masonic Foundation for Children; and Deputy Grand Master David R. Cash.

The theme of this year's conference was "Charting A New Course". Many interesting topics were presented and discussed. The continued fellowship and interaction with other grand lodges and their officers was most enjoyable. The conference elected your

grand master to serve on the Board of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association. One item of interest during the report of the Commission on Information for Recognition, it was learned that several hispanic lodges in North Carolina had applied for a charter from the Grand Lodge of York in Mexico, but it was denied.

Southeastern Masonic Conference

The Forty-Seventh Southeastern Masonic Conference was held August 2–3, 2007, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Those attending from North Carolina were Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon and his wife Roseanna; Deputy Grand Master David R. Cash and his wife Lynn and daughter Jennifer; Junior Grand Warden William L. Dill; Grand Marshal Dewey R. Preslar Jr. and his wife Terrie; and Grand Steward James L. Medlin and his wife Mary. Worshipful Brother Jim Medlin presented a program on behalf of North Carolina “Dollars Today, Legacies Tomorrow,” which was well received. The conference next year will be in Covington, Kentucky at the Marriott Hotel on July 31–August 1, 2008.

Appointments as Grand Representative Near Our Grand Lodge

Connecticut (AF&AM)	David Ronald Cash
Hawaii (AF&AM)	James L. Medlin
Nebraska (AF&AM)	Robert E. Gresham Jr.
New York (F&AM)	William L. Dill
North Dakota (AF&AM)	Dan Charles Rice
Ohio (F&AM)	D. Allen Surratt
South Dakota (AF&AM)	Douglas S. Moore
Utah (F&AM)	Dewey R. Preslar Jr.
Vermont (F&AM)	David L. Hargett Jr.
Newfoundland & Labrador	James Michael Hooper
Nova Scotia (AF&AM)	Carl Richard Patton
Queensland Wales (AF&AM)	Dalton W. Mayo
Panama (AF&AM)	A. Ed Lawing
Benito Juzrez, Grand Logia del Estado de Coahuila	John David Cashion
Occidental Mexicana, Gran Logia	Hugh K. Terrell Jr.
Bahia, Grande Loja Unida Do	Kenneth Herman Pressley
Ceara, Grand Loja Do (AF&AM)	Burrell Joe Clark
Para, Grande Loja Do Para (F&AM)	Johnny David Sutphin
Guanaba, Grande Loja Do Estado Da Sao Paulo, Grande Loja	William Russell Howell
Do Estado Do Sao Paulo	Merritt Roland Newman III
Brasilia (AF&AM)	Bryant Deleron Webster
Nacional de Columbia	Dennis Lee Hurst
Yugoslavia	Robert Charles Kraus
Iran (F&AM)	Jerry David Hoglen
Philippines (F&AM)	Robert Steven James
Turkey (F&AM)	James Lawrence Hyde
Morroco, Grand Loge di	Randall Forrest Simmons

Visitations

December 2, 2006	Board of General Purposes meeting in Maggie Valley. Installation of Grand Lodge Officers at Haywood Community College, Clyde.
December 5, 2006	Scottish Rite Valley of Asheville, Asheville
December 07, 2006	Sonoma Lodge No. 472 Lodge, Waynesville
December 08, 2006	Waynesville York Rite, Waynesville, installed officers
December 11, 2006	Waynesville AMD No. 224, Waynesville, installed officers
December 14, 2006	Waynesville Lodge No. 259, Waynesville, Second Degree

- December 15, 2006 Blue Ridge Lodge No. 435, annual lodge Christmas dinner at Johnson's Cupboard Café, Dillard, GA
- December 16, 2006 Lake Junaluska School, Waynesville, installed lodge officers of 40th District: Waynesville Lodge No. 259, East LaPorte Lodge No. 358, Pigeon River Lodge No. 386, Oconee Lodge No. 427, Clyde Lodge No. 453, Dillsboro Lodge No. 459, Sonoma Lodge No. 472, Glenville Lodge No. 551
- January 2, 2007 Scottish Rite Valley of Asheville
- January 4, 2007 Sonoma Lodge No. 472, stated communication
- January 6, 2007 Oasis Shrine in Charlotte, installation
- January 8, 2007 Waynesville AMD No. 224
- January 9, 2007 Revolution Lodge No. 552, Greensboro, 100th anniversary, presented Diamond Jubilee Award to MESH resident Eldridge Joseph Johnson
- January 11, 2007 Installed Officers Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, Wadesboro, Master Pete Cook,
- January 12, 2007 Attended Board of Custodians meeting, Raleigh
- January 15, 2007 Installed officers in Greenville Lodge No. 284, Master Stephan M. Hagen; Grimesland Lodge No. 475, Master Kendall Allen Paramore (Grimesland Lodge No. 475, was chartered January 15, 1896, 111years ago this day); Farmville Lodge No. 517, Master Harold Leroy Gordon; Bethel Lodge No. 589, Master Todd Bullock; Crown Point Lodge No. 708, Master Harold Dean Smith; William Pitt Lodge No. 734, Master William Franklin Heath; presented Diamond Jubilee Awards to PGM Leslie Holland Garner, Hoyt Lee Narron, and William Bryant Buck of Crown Point Lodge No. 708
- January 16, 2007 Attended Education Committee meeting, Raleigh
- January 16, 2007 Attended Public Relations Committee meeting, Raleigh
- January 19, 2007 Attended Waynesville York Rite meeting
- January 20, 2007 Attend York Rite Degrees in Waynesville, took part in Royal Arch Degree
- January 23, 2007 Attended meeting of Saint Patrick's Council No. 1 Knight Masons of USA in Gastonia, took part in Knight of Sword Degree
- January 27-30-07 Attended Grand Lodge of Louisiana in New Orleans
- February 3, 2007 Attending meeting with group of motorcycle riders who were interested in forming a club (not allowed by The Code). Discussed other options such as forming a new lodge.
- February 3, 2008 Instituted Mosaic Lodge UD, Chapel Hill
- February 3, 2007 Attended Potentate's Red Fez ball at Amran Temple, Raleigh, guests of William "Bill" Ronald Crosby, Potentate and his lady Betty
- February 5, 2007 Attended National Sojourners Camp LeJeune No. 329, made honorary member
- February 6, 2007 Attended Valley of Asheville Scottish Rite meeting
- February 8-9, 2007 Attended MHCO retreat and Board meeting, Greensboro
- February 10, 2007 Attended MESH Board meeting, Greensboro
- February 12, 2007 Attended Lovelady Lodge No. 670, Valdese, dinner and presented Diamond Jubilee Award to "Jimmy" Onesime Henry Pons
- February 16, 2007 Attended Waynesville York Rite meeting

- February 17–21, 2007 Attended Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Portland, OR, elected to serve on Board of George Washington National Masonic Memorial
- February 24, 2007 Attended dinner and program honoring 250th Birthday of George Washington at Mount Hermon Lodge No. 118, Asheville
- February 26, 2007 Attended Leaksville Lodge No. 136, Eden, at request of Steve Cummings, master
- February 27, 2007 Attended District No. 10, meeting at Richard Caswell Lodge No. 705, Kinston
- February 28, 2007 Attended District No. 11, meeting at Wallace Lodge No. 595, Wallace
- March 1, 2007 Attended District No. 29, meeting at Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, Wadesboro
- March 6, 2007 Attended District No. 25, meeting at Ararat Lodge No. 558, Winston-Salem
- March 7, 2007 Attended District No. 34, meeting at Lincoln Lodge No. 137, Lincolnton
- March 8, 2007 Attended District No. 15, meeting at Cary No. 198, Cary
- March 9, 2007 Attended BGP meeting, Raleigh.
- March 10, 2007 Attended Waynesville York Rite Doric Council No. 20, conferral of Council Degrees.
- March 11–12, 2007 Attended South Carolina Grand York Rite, Myrtle Beach, SC
- March 16, 2007 Attended Waynesville York Rite meeting
- March 18–20, 2007 Attended North Carolina Grand York Rite meeting, Charlotte
- March 27–29, 2007 Attended Tennessee Grand Lodge, Nashville, TN
- April 2, 2007 Attended District No. 1, meeting at Eureka Lodge No. 317, Hall Lodge No. 53 hosting at Elizabeth City
- April 3, 2007 Attended District No. 9, meeting at Concord Lodge No. 58, Tarboro
- April 4, 2007 Attended District No. 27, meeting at Enterprise Lodge No. 752, Arcadia
- April 9, 2007 Attended AMD No. 224, Waynesville
- April 13, 2007 Attended Board of Custodian meeting, Raleigh
- 4 April 13, 2007 Attended Rosicruisana meeting, Raleigh
- April 14, 2007 Attended Orphans Lodge No. 761, building dedication ceremony
- April 17, 2007 Attended District No. 40, meeting at Sonoma Lodge No. 472, presented PGM Charles E. Cathey Montfort Metal
- April 18, 2007 Attended District No. 41, meeting at Montgomery Lodge No. 426, Ranger, presented Veteran's Emblem to Clarence "Doc" Little
- April 19, 2007 Attended District No. 39, meeting at Black Mountain Lodge No. 663, Black Mountain
- April 20, 2007 Attended Waynesville York Rite meeting, Waynesville
- April 24, 2007 Attended Knight Masons meeting in Charlotte, held office and did part in degree work
- April 25-27, 2007 Attended Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- April 30, 2007 Attended District No. 3, meeting at Perseverance Lodge No. 59, Plymouth
- May 1, 2007 Attended District No. 5, meeting at Davie Lodge No. 39, Ahoskie,

- good fried chicken
- May 2, 2007 Attended District No. 7, meeting at Doric Lodge No. 568, New Bern
- May 4, 2007 MESH conference, called executive committee
- May 5, 2007 York Rite Day, Waynesville, presided over KYCH as prior, did Chapter part in KYCH conferral
- May 15, 2007 Attended District No. 19, meeting at Eno Lodge No. 210, Durham
- May 16, 2007 Attended District No. 13, meeting at Orphans Lodge No. 761, Adoniram Lodge No. 149 hosting, Oxford
- May 17, 2007 Attended District No. 23, meeting at Bula Lodge No. 409, Tabasco No. 271 hosting, Burlington
- May 18, 2007 Attended District Meeting at Overton No. 5, Rogersville, TN, home lodge of Grand Master Orville Robert Armstrong, presented him with honorary membership to Grand Lodge of North Carolina
- May 21, 2007 Attended awards night in Clay County at Hayesville High School, where PGM Charles E. Cathey presented first \$1,000, scholarship to Ann Guggisberg
- May 23, 2007 Attended District No. 31, meeting at Newell Lodge No. 739, Charlotte
- May 29, 2007 Attended District No. 17, meeting at Creasy Proctor Lodge No. 679, Fayetteville
- May 30, 2007 Attended District No. 18, meeting at Lebanon Lodge No. 207, Whiteville
- May 31, 2007 Attended District No. 21, meeting at Elise Lodge No. 555, Robbins
- June 1, 2007 Attended BGP meeting, Raleigh
- June 2, 2007 Attended Oasis Shrine Ceremonial, Maggie Valley
- June 4, 2007 Attended District No. 35, meeting at Friendship Lodge No. 388, Boiling Springs
- June 5, 2007 Attended District No. 37, meeting at Linville Lodge No. 489, Newland
- June 6, 2007 Attended District No. 33, meeting at Ashler Lodge No. 373, Deep Gap
- June 9, 2007 Attended Wilkerson College Lodge No. 760, at Biltmore Lodge No. 446, Asheville. PGM Charles E. Cathey gave program
- June 11, 2007 Attended Grand Chapter OES, Raleigh, gave short speech
- June 14, 2007 Attended Hollis Lodge No. 535, stated meeting, presented Veteran's Emblem to Coy Toney
- June 16, 2007 Attended Quarry Degrees at Vulcan Quarry in Concord, working in second section as King Solomon, raised Jimmy Snider, Union Lodge No. 618; Joel Austin, Campbell Lodge No. 374; and Brandon Byerly, Stokes Lodge No. 32, in short form; Gary Lavarway, Stokes Lodge No. 32 in full form
- June 23, 2007 Attended St John's Day, Oxford
- June 26, 2007 Attended Bakersville Lodge No. 357, working in second section as King Solomon, raised Jerry Vaughn Hefner, Vesper Lodge No. 554; Gregory Morgan, Bakersville Lodge No. 357, in short form, Gary Gouge, Bakersville Lodge No. 357, in full form
- June 30–July 4, 2007 Attended Imperial Shrine, Anaheim, CA with Oasis, Sudan, Arman. Was honored by dinner hosted by three Shrine temples, marched in

- parade with members of Oasis in honor of Alan Madsen, who was elected imperial oriental guide
- July 5, 2007 Attended Mount Hermon Lodge No. 118, stated meeting, made an honorary member
- July 7, 2007 Attended Smoky Mountain No. 172, York Rite College meeting in Waynesville, as Grand Governor introduced visiting Companions, Knight of York conferred by Colleges from Tennessee
- July 8–10, 2007 Attended Great Smoky Summer Assembly of York Rite Mason in Maggie Valley, introduced along with other Grand Lodge officers present Deputy Grand Master Dave Cash, Senior Grand Warden Dan Rice, Junior Grand Warden Billy Dill, Junior Grand Deacon Bob Gresham, Grand Marshal Dewey Preslar, Grand Steward Dalton Mayo, Grand Steward Jim Medlin, Grand Tyler Doug Moore, Grand Lecturer Allen Surratt and gave keynote address. Presented Joseph Montfort Awards to D. Allen Surratt, of Denton Lodge No. 404, Denton and Dennis Lee “Pete” Cook, of Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, Wadesboro
- July 13, 2007 Attended funeral services for Carroll Eugene Maudlin, master of Black Mountain Lodge No. 663
- July 24, 2007 Attended Knight Masons, Lenoir
- July 25–29, 2007 Attended York Rite Sovereign College in Grand Rapid, MI, received as grand governor and grand master of Masons of North Carolina
- August 2–4, 2007 Attended Southeastern Masonic Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN, Jim Medlin made presentation, had day and evening out with several Grand Lodge officers and their wives
- August 8–10, 2007 Attended MHCO retreat and board meeting, Durham
- August 11, 2007 Attended MESH Board meeting, Greensboro
- August 17-07 Attended honor ceremonies for Richard Caswell, Kinston
- August 22, 2007 Attended Amran Shrine meeting honoring ladies
- August 23–25, 2007 Attended Board meeting for George Washington Masonic Memorial, Washington, DC
- August 25–29, 2007 Attended Supreme Council Scottish Rite Southern and Northern Jurisdictions and conferral of 33rd degree, Washington, DC
- September 6–8, 2007 Attended Convent General KYCH, Nashville, TN, Alvin Hill presiding
- September 24, 2007 Attended District No. 9, York Rite meeting, Franklin
- September 27, 2007 Attended BGP meeting, Winston-Salem
- September 28–29, 2007 Attended and presided at Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Winston-Salem

Recommendations

1. Lodges open and do business on the EA or First Degree allowing EAs to vote and pay dues. Hopefully this would help eliminate some of the 22% to 24% EAs who do not advance, by making them a part from the beginning of their Masonic life. They still would not be able to have a Masonic funeral, till they were raised a Master Mason.
2. Base per capita increase on the past three years cost of living index and increase it accordingly every three years. This should not be anymore taxing on those retired and on Social Security, since it would be based on the percentage of increase they have already gotten the three previous years.
3. Encourage *The Code* Commission to review *The Code* chapter by chapter and pres-

ent proposed updates as necessary on a chapter by chapter basis.

4. Encourage the Board of Custodians to continue to look at ways to assist those interested in becoming certified, including allowing two certified lecturers to witness and approve even if only a degree at a time, till the individual has completed all parts and phases, thus allowing those who may due work schedules not be able to attend the annual days of certification. Also, continue to look for and assist lodges in becoming more proficient in the work.

State Of the Craft

Beginning with the area meetings in November with the DDGMs and DDGLs, continuing with the twenty-five district meetings, and throughout the year we have emphasized having a positive attitude to obtain the best for the good of Masonry. During our travels and meetings with several lodges and appendant bodies across the state, we find the majority are not just saying or repeating the words, but are putting into action with deeds and encouragement to our fellow brothers, newly initiated, passed and raised brothers as well as involvement in their community. Positive results are continuing to show with the increase number initiated this year. We are looking forward with a positive attitude, that we are working on reducing and hopefully eliminating NPDs in each lodge.

What is the state of the craft? That might depend on each individual attitude or opinion. For those of us with a positive attitude, the state of the craft is great with a bright future. It is also our intent on having a good time and good fellowship while working to that end. My brothers, continue to be positive for the good of Masonry.

Acknowledgments and Thanks

As we burn the past midnight oil in trying to meet the necessary deadline for publication, our greatest fear is not remember every individual's support and gift of time and encouragement. So let me thank each of you individually as a whole, because it takes all for the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and its grand master to enjoy another successful year. Thank you.

A special thanks to John Walston Jr. for designing the grand master coin to distribute to those who attended the twenty-five district meetings. To those across the state who stepped up and made donations of products from North Carolina to give to our distinguished and out-of-state guests at Annual Communication: Mt Olive Pickles, Indian Hills Springs Water, North Carolina Peanut Growers, Food Lion, and Edd Buchanan Honey.

Thank you to the lodges, Shrine Temples, National Sojourners, and friends of the grand master, who gave honorary memberships and special gifts. The Grand Lodge officers who have given support, prayers and encouragement all year. To my lodge Sonoma Lodge No. 472, District 40, the lodges in western North Carolina, plus those throughout the state for the kind words, support, and encouragement. The Grand Lodge office staff and especially Cornelia Doherty who have worked hand in hand with my wife during installation, receptions, banquets, and ladies luncheon, letting her know what could and could not be done to stay within budget.

Past Grand Master Charles E. Cathey, who appointed me to the Grand Lodge line. My friend, supporter, encourager and brother in more ways than one. Words don't say it, but thanks, I love you my Brother. Also those who accepted appointments especially Grand Chaplain Ed Lawing, Grand Tyler Doug Moore, and Grand Steward Jim Medlin.

While a group of us were standing around joking one time, Past Grand Master Gene Jernigan stated that, if there was such a thing as reincarnation, he wanted to come back as Berry Rigdon, because he could not believe any man could be treated so regally by a wife. Yes, Roseanna, my loving caring and most supportive wife. From breakfast in bed each morning, when at home, laying out or packing clothes to wear,

working at the office keeping the business going, and supporting the household and still finding time to encourage and love her husband, four children, their spouses, and seven grandchildren. One of the best kept secrets in Masonry, our ladies and all they do for us. Thank you, "Rosebud," for all you have and continue to do in support of me and my endeavors, especially this year in Masonry. I love you.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Berry Rigdon, Grand Master

Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Distribution of the Report of the Grand Master

The following report of the Board of General Purposes on the distribution of the report of Past Grand Master Gene T. Jernigan and the interim report of Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon was presented by Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III, entered on the record, and adopted by the delegates to Annual Communication.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of General Purposes, in compliance with the provisions of *The Code*, has reviewed and carefully considered the report of the Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Graham W. Pervier, and the Interim Report of Grand Master Gene T. Jernigan in all of its details and submits this report:

The Board recommends:

1. That the parts of the report that relate to orders and other legal matters, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
2. That the portions relative to matters of finance, be referred to the Committee on Finance.
3. That the portions concerning the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, respectively, be referred to the respective boards of those institutions.
4. We recommend the adoption of the Honorary Title of Past District Deputy Grand Master to those brethren contained in the Grand Masters' reports.
5. That all other matters assigned without further specific reference to the committee or commissions which should properly consider them.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of General Purposes

Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations

The following report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations was received, entered on the record, and adopted by the delegates to Annual Communication.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations met September 28, 2007. The committee has received two petitions:

Petition for Charter

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina:

The subscribers hereto respectfully represent that, on the third day of February, CE 2007, a dispensation was issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina for the establishment of a new lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at Chapel Hill in the county of Orange, by the name of Mosaic Lodge, and that said lodge has worked regularly since that time as appears from the transcript of its records and bylaws herewith presented.

They, therefore, now pray that a charter be granted to the said lodge, with the following officers, to-wit: Brother Willard Guy Campbell, master; Brother Josephus Danny Ferguson, senior warden; and Brother Albert Marion Jones, junior warden. And they do promise, as heretofore, a strict conformity to the edicts of the Grand Master, and the Constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge.

Given under our hands on this the seventh day of September, CE 2007.

Respectfully submitted
The Members of Mosaic Lodge UD

The Committee met with the officers of Mosaic Lodge UD and examined documents accompanying the Petition for Charter. After that examination, the Committee is satisfied that they meet the requirements of *The Code* relating to chartering a new lodge. It is the Committee's opinion and motion that Grand Lodge should approve issuing a charter to Mosaic Lodge UD to be known as Mosaic Lodge No. 762.

The delegates to Annual Communication granted a charter Mosaic Lodge No. 762.

Petition for a Duplicate Charter

Elise Lodge No. 555 in Robbins was victimized by vandals this year. They have presented a petition to the Committee requesting a duplicate charter. The Committee recommends and moves that Elise Lodge No. 555 be issued a duplicate charter.

The delegates to Annual Communication issued a duplicate charter.

Respectfully submitted,
Carroll Melton, Chairman

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

The following report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was presented. The Committee made a recommendation on each topic of discussion. Each topic was dealt with individually, and then the entire report was adopted as a whole. The dispensation of each is listed following the details. These subjects were dealt with at various times during the sessions of the Annual Communication and are collected here for convenience.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The following are the various orders or opinions that were issued during the terms of Grand Master Gene T. Jernigan and Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon, to be considered during this Annual Communication.

Jernigan Orders

Orders 1–3 were considered at the 2006 Annual Communication.

Order No. 4

It has been brought to my attention by the grand secretary's office that Person Lodge No. 113 elected Mr. DAR to receive the degrees at a stated communication on August 22, 2006 without complying with the following provisions of Regulation 65-8, 65-9, and 68-1 of *The Code*.

1.The information submitted on the petition was not in a complete form.

2.The petition which was submitted to the lodge due to the requested information not being received.

The ballot taken August 22, 2006 to elect the petitioner is clearly illegal under the positive language of 68-1 of *The Code* and is therefore, NULL and VOID. Since the petition is not complete, we are returning the same UNCERTIFIED. The petitioner is required to start the process over again by submitting a completed petition.

This Order shall be read to the lodge at the next stated communication, entered on the minutes of that communication, and a proper notation made on the margin on the minutes for August 22, 2006 referring to this Order and the date recorded in the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal at Dunn, North Carolina, this eleventh day of October, 2006.

The Committee recommended that the order be approved.

The delegates approved the order.

Order No. 5

(Order sent to DRL)

It has been brought to my attention that you were arrested on October 17, 2006 and charged with "soliciting a minor on the internet" and are presently being held in the Guilford County Jail. Your accused conduct brings disgrace upon our organization and cannot be tolerated.

Under the provisions of 13-2.10 of *The Code*, it is my ORDER that you are hereby removed as master of Wendell Lodge No. 565 effective immediately.

Given under my hand and seal at Dunn, North Carolina, this the twenty-third day of October, 2006.

The Committee recommended that the order be approved.

The delegates approved the order.

Order No. 6

It has been brought to my attention by the grand secretary that Lebanon Lodge No. 391, AF & AM balloted on an application for restoration after a suspension for nonpayment of dues for MJN. The acting master declared the applicant rejected without complying with Regulation 68-3.13 of *The Code*.

In such cases the grand master may authorize a re-ballot at a stated communication. Therefore, the grand master, by positive and unquestionable evidence, determines the ballot was clearly and grossly illegal and is empowered to order another ballot in cases of this kind. I hereby ORDER Lebanon Lodge No. 391 to re-ballot on the above mentioned application at the stated communication to be held on December 7, 2006.

The dispensation authorizing the rebalot shall contain a proviso that all members of the lodge shall be given not less than ten days' notice by first-class mail under sealed cover of the re-ballot and the time and place therefore.

This Order shall be read to the lodge at the stated communication to be held on November 2, 2006, entered on the minutes of that communication, and a proper notation

made on the margin of the minutes for the stated communication on October 5, 2006, referring to this Order and the date it was recorded in the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal at Dunn, North Carolina, this first day of November, 2006 AD; 6006 AL.

The Committee recommended that the order be approved.

The delegates approved the order.

Order No. 7

It has been brought to my attention by the grand secretary that Truth Lodge No. 749, AF & AM balloted on a petition for the degrees for CAB Jr. on October 9, 2006. The master declared the petitioner rejected without complying with Regulation 68-3.13 of *The Code*.

In such cases, the grand master may authorize a re-ballot at a stated communication. Therefore, the grand master, by positive and unquestionable evidence, determines the ballot was clearly and grossly illegal and is empowered to order another ballot in cases of this kind. I hereby ORDER Truth Lodge No. 749 to re-ballot on the above mentioned petition for the degrees at the stated communication to be held on January 8, 2006.

The dispensation authorizing the re-ballot shall contain a proviso that all members of the lodge shall be given not less than ten days' notice by first-class mail under sealed cover of the re-ballot and the time and place therefore.

This Order shall be read to the lodge at the stated communication to be held on December 4, 2006, entered on the minutes of that communication, and a proper notation made on the margin of the minutes for the stated communication on October 9, 2006, referring to this Order and the date it was recorded in the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal at Dunn, North Carolina, this fifth day of November, 2006 AD; 6006 AL.

The Committee recommended that the order be approved.

The delegates approved the order.

Rigdon Orders

Order No. 1

It has been brought to my attention by the grand secretary's office that Wilmington Lodge No. 319 elected petitions for the degrees on CGS, MRB, JWG, and DCG at a ballot collectively administered at their stated communication on July 5, 2007. A ballot taken on petitions for the degrees shall be taken individually and any deviation therefrom is clearly in violation of Regulation 68-3.3 of *The Code*.

The ballot taken on July 5, 2007 is clearly illegal under the positive language of Regulation 68-3.3 of *The Code*, and I, therefore, declare this ballot NULL and VOID.

Since the grand master is empowered to order another ballot in cases of this kind, I hereby order Wilmington Lodge No. 319, AF & AM to re-ballot on the petitions for the degrees for the above referenced petitioners at the stated communication to be held on August 7, 2007.

This order shall be read to the lodge at the next stated communication, entered on the minutes of that communication, and a proper notation made on the margin of the minutes of July 5, 2007, referring to this Order and the date it was recorded in the minutes.

Given under my hand and deal at Candler, North Carolina, this the twelfth day of July, 2007.

The Committee recommended that the order be approved.

The delegates approved the order.

Official Opinion

This matter comes before the grand master and Board of General Purposes pursuant to a request by the Board of Custodians for possession of, and access to copies of the *Vocabulary* for use by certified lectures, in the work of schools of instruction and reviewing proposed changes in authorized work. Specifically, the grand lecturer has indicated that during schools of instruction, certified lectures are being challenged as to interpretations and the lecturer has no vocabulary to prove the interpretation. The undersigned, pursuant to authority of *The Code* contained in Sec. 7-3, 8-2, and 8-6, makes the following findings and conclusions:

The “authorized work” or “the work” is comprised of the *Official Standard of the Work* (herein *OSW*), the *Vocabulary*, and the *Bahnsen’s Manual*. (Reg. 24-1).

Reg. 24-3 of *The Code* provides that the Board of Custodians is the “sole custodian of the work” (which includes the *Vocabulary*). This provision further charges the Board of Custodians with authority to review and report on any proposed changes to “the work” and requires any proposed change be submitted first to said Board (2-6.8; 29-6.2). The Board of Custodians is granted the sole and exclusive authority for approval of illustrations of “the work” (24-4).

Now, by amendment, any brother may own a copy of the *OSW*. Prior to such change the Board of Custodians was given the authority to control the use of additional copies of the *OSW* or make loan to other officers (24-6). This further confirms the authority and trust imposed by *The Code* upon the Board of Custodians to control “the work.”

The authority and power to control and transfer, of necessity implies the authority to and is tantamount to, the power to possess.

As the Board of Custodians is the sole custodian and responsible for all of “the work” to preclude an officer or board, responsible for reviewing changes and evaluating same, from having access to the writing itself or definitions would create an absurd anomaly.

While *The Code* mandates that certain copies be provided to each subordinate lodge, it neither prohibits by letter or spirit the possession of *Vocabulary* by the Board of Custodians or its members.

Each member of the Board of Custodians and certified lecturer is subject to the same restrictions and prohibitions on use of “the work” as any other officer, specifically authorized to possess same. There is no increased risk of unauthorized publication.

It is necessary and appropriate for the Board of Custodians to have access to a number of copies of the *Vocabulary* in order to fulfill their duties.

This ruling has been approved by the Board of General Purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Board of Custodians shall be provided enough copies of the vocabulary to be loaned only to each district deputy grand lecturer for use during their term of office or such period prescribed by the Board of Custodians, whichever is less; to be used only for the purposes of exemplifying or conferring degrees or review of proposed changes as authorized by the Board of Custodians. These copies will be returned and accounted for in the same manner as provided for in regulations 24-6, provided each copy will be accounted for by the secretary of the Board of Custodians.

Given under my hand and seal at Waynesville, North Carolina, this twelfth day of August, 2007.

The Committee recommended that the opinion be approved.

The delegates approved the opinion.

Proposed Amendments to *The Code of 1995*

Amendment Group 1

This amendment would set the per capita tax payable in January as a part of the budget adopted at the Annual Communication the preceding September.

REG. 20-1 ESTABLISHED.

Each lodge, including lodges under dispensation, shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Lodge, the sums hereinafter specified.

1. ~~The amount established by the Grand Lodge as the per capita tax~~ ~~The sum of fifteen dollars~~ for each member of the lodge at low twelve on December thirty-first for the ensuing year shall be based on the budget approved at the preceding annual communication. A lodge shall be exempt from the payment of the annual assessment to the Grand Lodge for any member who has received either the Fifty-Year or Sixty-Year Service Award. [5-1.1; 20-1; 81-1; 81-7].

Submitted by the Committee on Finance

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.

The delegates rejected the amendment group.

Amendment Group 2

This amendment would add an additional year to calculation of endowed membership fee to avoid confusion as to payment of ensuing year's dues. Endowment is immediate upon full payment. The cost is not increased.

REG. 77-25 ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS.

Endowed Memberships may be purchased from the Grand Lodge on the following terms and conditions.

...

2. The minimum payment for an endowed membership shall be ~~twenty-one (20 21)~~ times the annual dues of the applying member's subordinate lodge on the date of the application.
4. The member desiring an endowed membership shall apply to the secretary of this lodge for such membership on forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge either the minimum payment described in Regulation **77-25.2** or the initial installment described in Regulation 77-25.4.A.

...

The endowed membership shall be effective for the ~~second~~ succeeding calendar year.

Submitted by the Committee on Finance

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.

The delegates adopted the amendment group.

Amendment Group 3a

This amendment would eliminate the payment plan option for endowed membership.

Amend REG. 77-25 ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS. to read as follows:

- ~~5. The endowed membership fee may be paid in five (5) equal annual installments.

 - A. The annual installment shall be 4.75 times the annual lodge dues at the time of application. (This section amended, effective 1/1/2004)
 - B. When purchased under the five (5) year option, a membership becomes perpetual based on the date of the application as provided in Regulation 77-25.4.C and continues as such, provided each of the four remaining installments is paid by December 31 in successive years.
 - C. After enrolling under this option, a member may not revert to the single payment method, but may remit any or all unpaid installments provided no installment is past due.
 - D. A member enrolled under the installment option may withdraw from the endowed membership program at any time.
 - E. A member withdrawing from the installment option reverts to the membership status held before joining the program and shall remit dues to his lodge for the current year and for successive years unless otherwise exempted.
 - F. Failure to pay any installment due by December 31 of each successive year constitutes voluntary withdrawal from the program, and regular dues in this lodge for the same year are payable.
 - G. A member who has withdrawn from the installment payment option may re-enroll in the program in the same status held when he withdrew. The remaining installments due from the re-enrolling brother shall be determined under Regulation 77-25.4.A based on the dues of his lodge at the time of his re-enrollment.~~
 - 10. When purchased under the five (5) year option, the subordinate lodge shall receive from the endowed membership installment payment each year not less than the difference between the subordinate lodge dues and the per capita tax on the date of the application. The Grand Lodge shall receive from the endowed membership installment payment each year not less than the per capita tax on the date of the application. These payments shall be made to the subordinate lodge when the installment is received by the Grand Lodge.
 - A. The payments to the subordinate lodge and the Grand Lodge mandated by this Regulation 77-25.11 shall be made regardless of the income earned by the Permanent Fund.
 - B. Beginning the year after the final installment payment is made the endowed member's dues shall be paid as provided in Regulation 77-25.9.

Submitted by the Committee on Finance

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be rejected.

The delegates rejected the amendment rejected.

Amendment Group 3b

*This amendment would change the calculation of payment plan payments for endowed memberships. This amendment was to be voted on **only** if Amendment Group 3a is defeated.*

Amend REG. 77-25 ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS. to read as follows:

...

- 5. The endowed membership fee may be paid in five (5) equal annual installments.
 - A. The annual installment shall be ~~4.75~~ 5.25 times the annual lodge dues at the time of application.

Submitted by the Committee on Finance

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.

The delegates approved the amendment group.

Amendment Group 4

This amendment would allow purchase of a special endowed membership by veteran members.

Amend REG. 77-26 VETERAN'S ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS. to read as follows:

Reg. 77-26 VETERAN'S ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS.

A. Veteran Endowed Membership may be purchased by any Master Mason of a North Carolina lodge who has received his Veteran Award (80-3). The purchase fee for a Veteran Endowed Membership is five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The proportionate ratio distribution for a Veteran Endowed Membership is fixed at seventy-five per cent (75%) for the subordinate lodge and twenty-five per cent (25%) for the Grand Lodge.

Re-number Memorial Endowed Memberships to 77-27

REG. 77-13 UNIFORM DUES.

The annual dues charged by a lodge shall be uniform, each member paying the same amount, except for any differences that may result from the purchase of endowed memberships as provided in Regulation 77-14 and 77-26. In the regulation of dues by way of exemption, cancellation, increase, or reduction, a lodge shall not show preference or favoritism to any class or group of its members, but shall treat all members alike except members in the armed forces of the United States. [Chapter 77]

Submitted by the Grand Secretary

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.

The delegates approved the amendment group.

Amendment Group 5

This amendment would allow a lodge to exempt payment of per capita tax of one who dues have been remitted under 77-14.

REG. 20-1 ESTABLISHED.

Each lodge, including lodges under dispensation, shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Lodge, the sums hereinafter specified.

... A lodge shall be exempt from the payment of the annual assessment to the Grand Lodge for any member who dues have been remitted under Reg. 77-14. [5-1.1; 20-1; 77-14.2; 81-1; 81-7].

Submitted by Joppa Lodge No. 401

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be rejected.

The delegates rejected the amendment rejected.

Amendment Group 6

This amendment would revert the vote for recognition of another grand lodge to a majority vote as existing prior to 2003.

SEC. 6-2 VOTE ON RECOGNITION.

No Grand Lodge shall be recognized by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina until by

an affirmative vote by a majority ~~2/3~~ of the voting members present.

Submitted by Gate City Lodge No. 694

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.

The delegates adopted the amendment group with 724 in favor and 272 opposed.

Amendment Group 7

This amendment would free the separate charitable corporations to amend their by-laws without interference and would avoid liability exposure for the Grand Lodge and the charities.

REG. 27-4 BOARDS OF DIRECTORS. Obsolete

The Board of Directors of Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc. shall consist of twelve members. The Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated shall consist of twenty members of which the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at each Annual Communication, shall designate, twelve members, as hereinafter provided. Each director shall be qualified as provided in Section 3-2 and Regulation 27-6.

1. The following officers of the Grand Lodge for the time being and during their respective terms of office shall be members of the Boards of Directors of Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc. and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated:
 - The Grand Master, who shall be Chairman
 - The Deputy Grand Master
 - The Senior Grand Warden
 - A. In addition there shall be nine qualified members nominated by the Board of General Purposes and elected by the Grand Lodge.
 - B. At each Annual Communication the Board of General Purposes shall nominate three members, each of whom shall serve for three years when elected by the Grand Lodge.
 - C. In the event of a vacancy on a Board by death or otherwise, the Grand Master shall fill the vacancy until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, when the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term on nomination of the Board of General Purposes and election by the Grand Lodge.
2. No member of these Boards shall serve as a director of both corporations at the same time except Grand Lodge Officers, who, by virtue of their office, are members of both Boards.
3. No member of these Boards shall succeed himself or serve as a member of the Board on which he serves until twelve months shall have elapsed since his last term of service expired, provided, a member appointed or elected to fill an unexpired term of not more than twelve months will be eligible for election to a full three-year term.
4. Not more than one member of either Board shall have as his legal place of residence the same city or county, except Grand Lodge Officers, who, by virtue of their office, are members of the Boards.
5. The Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge shall be an observer at meetings of both Boards by virtue of his office, and all of his expenses in conjunction therewith shall be borne by the Grand Lodge.
6. With respect to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated the provisions of this regulation shall apply only to the aforesaid directors representing the Grand Lodge, who may be elected by it or appointed as herein before set forth.

Submitted by the grand master.

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.

The delegates adopted the amendment group.

Amendment Group 8

This amendment would allow the Grand Lodge Officers to be installed in November.

REG. 12-7 TIME OF INSTALLATION.

The Grand Master-elect and all grand officers required to be installed shall be installed by the Grand Master, a Past Grand Master, or a Past Master at an emergent communication called for that purpose the first second Saturday in December November or the earliest date possible thereafter either in the Grand Lodge or in a subordinate lodge within the state. [Official Forms 47, 57].

Submitted by the grand secretary

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.

The delegates adopted the amendment group.

Report of the Committee on Appeals

The following report of the Committee on Appeals was presented to the Grand Lodge. The recommendations of the Committee and the decision of the delegates are included with each case.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Determined by Judge Advocate

Docket No. 752

Name: Brother SHP

Lodge: Cape Hatteras Lodge No. 698

Brother SHP was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he pled guilty to a felony in United States District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina (conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute cocaine). The accused failed to respond to the allegations contained within the complaint. As such, they were deemed admitted. Consequently, on November 17, 2006, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the judge advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of *The Code*.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Docket No. 753

Name: Brother RET

Lodge: Cranberry Lodge No. 598

Brother RET was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he pled guilty to two felonies in Avery County Superior Court (felonious obstruction of justice and willfully failed to discharge duties). The accused failed to respond to the allegations contained within the complaint. As such, they were deemed admitted. Consequently, on November 13, 2006, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the judge advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of *The Code*.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Docket No. 755

Name: Brother GWL

Lodge: Bush Hill Lodge No. 732

Brother GWL was accused of failing to pay a bill submitted by MESH to the estate of the brother's recently deceased mother. As the brother was not obligated for the debts of his mother's estate, and since there was a legal process for MESH to make a claim against the estate for the bill (which process was not timely followed), the judge advocate determined that the actions complained of did not rise to a level of a violation of *The Code*. Consequently, the judge advocate dismissed the complaint.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Docket No. 757

Name: Brother JAF

Lodge: Ocean Lodge No. 405

Brother JAF was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he pled guilty to a felony in the Superior Court of Carteret County (indecent liberties with a minor). Although brother JAF responded to the charges, he admitted that he did plead guilty to the felony charge. Consequently, on March 8, 2007, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the judge advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of *The Code*.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Docket No. 758

Name: Brother DRG

Lodge: Rodgers Lodge No. 525

Brother DRG was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he pled guilty to two felonies in the United States District Court-Eastern District of North Carolina (illegal gambling). Brother JAF failed to respond to the charges. Consequently, on April 2, 2007, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the judge advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of *The Code*.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Docket No. 759

Name: Brother WBS

Lodge: Excelsior Lodge No. 261

Brother WBS was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he was found guilty of felonies in the Superior Court of Mecklenberg County (sex offenses involving a minor). Brother WBS failed to respond to the charges. Consequently, on April 2, 2007, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the judge advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of *The Code*.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Docket No. 760**Name: Brother JBB****Lodge: Excelsior Lodge No. 261**

Brother JBB was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he pled guilty to a felony in the United States District Court-Eastern District North Carolina (accepting things of value in excess of \$5,000 intending to be rewarded in connection with the business of the State of North Carolina while he was an elected public official). Brother JBB failed to respond to the charges. Consequently, on April 2, 2007, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the judge advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of *The Code*.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Docket No. 761**Name: Brother HBU****Lodge: Eureka Lodge No. 317**

Brother HBU was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he was found guilty of felonies in the Superior Courts of Cumberland and Sampson Counties (obtaining property under false pretenses; embezzlement). Brother HBU failed to respond to the charges. Consequently, on July 27, 2007, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the judge advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of *The Code*.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Docket No. 762**Name: Brother VWK****Lodge: Montgomery Lodge No. 426**

Brother VWK was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he was found guilty of a felony in the Superior Court of Cherokee County (indecent liberties with a child). Brother VWK failed to respond to the charges. Consequently, on July 27, 2007, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the judge advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of *The Code*.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Docket No. 763**Name: Brother PDR****Lodge: Jefferson Penn Lodge No. 384**

Brother PDR was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he failed to disclose on his petition that he been rejected for the degrees in Masonry on at least three different occasions. Although Brother PDR responded to the charges, he admitted that he had failed to disclose the same on his petition. Consequently, on July 27, 2007, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the judge advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(13) and 91-12 of *The Code*.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Docket No. 764**Name: Brother DWG**

Lodge: Henderson Lodge No. 229

Brother DWG was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he was found guilty of felonies in the United States District Court-Eastern District of North Carolina (mail/wire/bank fraud; conspiracy to commit money laundering). Brother DWG failed to respond to the charges. Consequently, on July 27, 2007, an Order of Summary Expulsion was entered by the judge advocate pursuant to Regulations 86-2(27) and 91-12 of *The Code*.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Determined by Trial Commission

The Trial Commission has determined one matter for the preceding 12 months. This matter is summarized as follows:

Docket No. 754

Name: Brother ABJ

Lodge: Rehoboth Lodge No. 249

Brother ABJ was accused of numerous claims of un-Masonic conduct, including accusations of fraud and mismanagement against brother Masons, and ongoing and systematic threatening and hostile conduct against brother Masons at MESH. Brother ABJ had been previously accused of the same actions in Docket No. 750, but the charges at that time were dismissed by the complainant based on brother ABJ's apology and representation that he would refrain from such conduct in the future.

On November 29, 2006, a Trial Commission found Brother ABJ guilty on all charges, and entered a decision of suspension for six (6) months.

The Committee recommended that the determination be approved.

The delegates approved the action of the judge advocate.

Petitions for Restoration

CEI Jr. (Docket No. 531), formerly a member of Cabarrus Lodge No. 720, was expelled for un-Masonic conduct on October 18, 1988. He filed for restoration with the grand secretary on June 19, 2007.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates approve the petition.

The delegates approved the petition.

RK Jr. (Docket No. 661), formerly a member of Ocean Lodge No. 405, was expelled for un-Masonic conduct on February 28, 1998. He filed for restoration with the grand secretary on June 19, 2007.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates approve the petition.

The delegates approved the petition.

WRS (Docket No. 702), formerly a member of Andrews Lodge No. 529, was expelled on June 6, 2002. He filed for restoration with the grand secretary on June 24, 2007.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates deny the petition.

The delegates denied the petition.

CWL (Docket No. 674), formerly a member of Selma Lodge No. 320, was expelled on June 25, 1999. He filed for restoration with the grand secretary on October 5, 2006.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates deny the petition.

The delegates denied the petition.

TMW (Docket No. 657), formerly a member of Fulton Lodge No. 99, was expelled on October 6, 1997. He filed for restoration with the grand secretary on August 24, 2007.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates deny the petition.

The delegates denied the petition.

Report from the Masonic and Eastern Star Home

Brother Mark Kolada, administrator of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, made an informal report on progress at MESH.

Call from Labor to Refreshment

The business of the first day of Annual Communication being completed, Grand Master Rigdon called the Craft from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

Second Day

Called from Refreshment to Labor

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, September 29, 2007 at the Twin City Quarter in Winston-Salem by Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon. Prayer was offered by Grand Chaplain A. Ed Lawing.

Report of the Committee on Finance

G. Glen Adams, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, presented the Committee's recommendations for the 2008 budget. Their recommendation was discussed and approved by section. The budget was then approved as a whole. The approved budget is found in the Grand Secretary's Report, and other recommendations contained in that report are presented elsewhere in this *Proceedings*.

Election of Grand Lodge Officers

The Grand Master announced that the time had arrived for the election of officers of the Grand Lodge. He appointed as tellers the district deputy grand masters who collected and counted the ballots.

The election resulted as follows:

Grand Master.....	David R. Cash, Campbell 374
Deputy Grand Master.....	Dan C. Rice, Bula 409
Senior Grand Warden.....	William L. Dill, St. John's 3
Junior Grand Warden.....	Lewis R. Ledford, Statesville 27
Grand Treasurer	Clifton W. Everett, Crown Point 708
Grand Secretary.....	T. Walton Clapp III, Mystic Tie 237

Report of the Committee on Credentials

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report which was received, read, and entered upon the record. The Committee on Credentials hereby submits its final report for the 220th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Representatives from 331 chartered lodge present	966
Grand Lodge officers present (elective and appointive)	17
Past Grand Masters present (not counting Grand Treasurer)	17
Members of boards, commissions, and committees present (not otherwise listed)	32
District deputy grand masters present	37
District deputy grand lecturers present	19
Total voting members present	1,088

Resolution Honoring Past Grand Master A. C. Honeycutt

The following resolution was offered to honor Past Grand Master A. C. "Jack" Honeycutt. The Resolution was unanimously passed by the delegates to Annual Communication.

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina at its 220th annual communication having been called into regular session by the Grand Master; and

WHEREAS, it has always been the intended purpose of this grand jurisdiction to not only engender the extent of Masonic Brotherhood and fraternal membership but also to advance the feeling of camaraderie of Masonic brotherhood and fraternal friendship in this jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, A.C. "Jack" Honeycutt, Past Grand Master, for more than fifty years, even before his appointment in the Grand Lodge line, served as General Chairman of the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge; and, has been instrumental in the perpetuation of the North Carolina Grand Lodge tradition of Tar Heel hospitality and the genuine display of brotherly love and friendship which has been enjoyed by not only the North Carolina craft but by the craft from jurisdictions far and wide; and

WHEREAS, the support and confidence of all the various Grand Master's during this period has been well placed and;

WHEREAS the annual communication of this Grand Lodge has been markedly enhanced by the re-establishment of the "Earl The Pearl" room, a long lost tradition which has been reinvigorated and re-vitalized as a result of the extraordinary efforts of A. C. "Jack" Honeycutt, and because of his efforts has emerged as a focal point for the social and historical perspective of this Grand Lodge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina at its annual communication held in the city of Winston-Salem on this date of September 29, 2007, recognizes and wishes to express its appreciation to our distinguished brother for his continuous and unselfish labors in the quarry, thereby setting a standard that will be a challenge for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of General Purposes

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

The following report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was presented. Each recommendation of the Committee was voted on separately, and the result of each vote is included.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

During the past year, formal requests for recognition has been received from several grand lodges. This Grand Lodge subscribes to the services of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America (hereinafter referred to as Commission) to gather information and investigate whether the grand lodge in question satisfies the conditions of regularity. The Commission's guidelines or Standards for Recognition are as follows:

- Legitimacy of Origin
- Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction, except by mutual consent and/or treaty.
- Adherence to the Ancient Landmarks – specifically, a belief in God, the

Volume of Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the furniture of the lodge, and the prohibition of the discussion of politics and religion.

Grand Lodge of Ukraine

The Grand Lodge of Ukraine was consecrated on September 24, 2005 by the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise and the Grand Lodge of Austria. This grand lodge was constituted from four lodges previously constituted by the GLNF, and one lodge constituted from the Grand Lodge of Austria. The Commission is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Ukraine meets the standards for recognition. It is the recommendation of this committee to approve the recognition of this grand lodge.

The delegates recognized the Grand Lodge of Ukraine

Grand Lodge of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Grand Lodge of Bosnia and Herzegovina was consecrated by the Grand Lodge of Austria on April 16, 2005. This grand lodge has legitimacy of origin, exclusive territorial jurisdiction, and works in regular Masonry. The Commission is of the opinion that this grand lodge meets the standard for recognition. It is the recommendation of this committee to approve the recognition of this grand lodge.

The delegates recognized the Grand Lodge of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Grand Lodge of Mauritius

The Grand Lodge of Mauritius was consecrated on March 12, 2005 by the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise, and is comprised of eight lodges previously constituted by the GLNF between 1992 and 2004, one Scottish lodge dating back to 1864, one English lodge dating back to 1877, and one French lodge dating back to 1778. The consecration date was the 37th anniversary of independence for Mauritius. The Commission is of the opinion that this Grand Lodge meets the standards for recognition. It is the recommendation of this committee to approve the recognition of this grand lodge.

The delegates recognized the Grand Lodge of Mauritius.

Grand Lodge of Slovenia

Following World War II, the country of Slovenia became part of Yugoslavia. In 1991, it became independent and is bordered by Austria, Italy, Hungary and Croatia. Freemasonry was sponsored in the former Yugoslavia by the Grand Lodge of Austria. On October 16, 1999, the Grand Lodge of Austria consecrated the Grand Lodge of Slovenia. The Commission is of the opinion that this grand lodge meets the standards for recognition. It is the recommendation of this committee to approve the recognition of this grand lodge.

The delegates recognized the Grand Lodge of Slovenia.

Grand Lodge of Cyprus

The Grand Lodge of Cyprus was formed from six lodges working under the auspices of Grand Lodge of Greece. On January 15, 2006, the Grand Lodge of Greece formally set the Grand Lodge of Cyprus to work. Formal consecration of the Grand Lodge was held on October 8, 2006 by the Grand Lodge of Greece, Grand Lodge of Austria, and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The United Grand Lodge of England has been present in Cyprus since 1888, and has a district grand lodge with approximately 1,000 members. The Grand Lodge of Cyprus is claiming exclusive jurisdiction over Cyprus which the UGLE does not accept. The Grand Lodge of Cyprus was legally formed, works in regular Masonry, and generally meets standards for recognition. The Commission feels that an

agreement should be reached within the Grand Lodge of Cyprus if those lodges chartered by UGLE are to coexist with the jurisdiction of Cyprus. It is the recommendation of this committee to table the recognition of this grand lodge until such time as the grand lodges in question work further discussions.

The recognition was tabled.

Prince Hall Conference of Grand Masters

The committee has been asked on several occasions to elaborate on the position of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America in reference to Prince Hall recognition. The following correspondence from the Commission on Information may help answer the questions.

A letter has been received from the Prince Hall Conference of Grand Masters requesting:

That all Prince Hall Grand Lodges be declared regular by the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, and

That the policy of Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction be clearly defined so that universal Masonry can prevail while keeping the Brotherhood Man through the Fatherhood of God; a viable cause for Freemasonry as a whole.

It has become generally accepted that Prince Hall Freemasonry is regular in form and practice. The Prince Hall Grand Lodges derive their origin from African Lodge No. 459, which received a charter from the United Grand Lodge of England in 1784. There are approximately 40 member Grand Lodges of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America that have established a fraternal relationship with one or more Prince Hall Grand Lodges. Therefore, the question of regularity does not seem to be an issue any longer. A current list and addresses of the member Grand Lodges of the Prince Hall Conference of Grand Masters is being requested, and will be posted on the Commission website as soon as it is received.

The issue of Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction is one of the standards for recognition that has been strictly observed by this Conference. It is held that only one legitimate Grand Lodge will be recognized in a particular state or country, unless by treaty or mutual consent two Grand Lodges agree to share the same jurisdiction. This is the mechanism by which our Grand Lodges have established a fraternal relationship with Prince Hall Grand Lodges. The terms of such an agreement are usually negotiated and ratified by the two Grand Lodges in question and no change in that process is recommended.

We continue to be of the opinion that establishment of fraternal relationships with Prince Hall Grand Lodges remains the prerogative of each individual Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas W. Gregory, PGM

**Resolution of Mutual Recognition of the
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of**

**Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Its
Jurisdictions, Inc. by the Most Worshipful
Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted
Masons of North Carolina**

WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina (hereinafter the Grand Lodge) desires to insure a continuing harmonious relationship between it and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and its Jurisdictions, Inc. (hereinafter the Prince Hall Grand Lodge); to provide for the successful coexistence of both grand lodges and to promote Masonry in general among all peoples; AND

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge, for all the reasons set out in Brother James G. Martin's statement to the Grand Lodge dated September 29, 2001, believes that it is altogether right and proper and in the best interests of Masonry everywhere and particularly in North Carolina that these two grand lodges exercising Masonic jurisdiction in this state mutually recognize each other while each retains its own autonomy and jurisdiction hereafter as heretofore; AND

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge is satisfied that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge meets all Masonic requirements for recognition; AND

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge desires to remain autonomous within its jurisdiction and to operate hereafter as heretofore with its own grand master and other Grand Lodge officers, Constitution, bylaws, ritual, rules and regulations, and to retain its absolute and supreme sovereignty over its own subordinate lodges and membership; AND

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge is advised that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge entertains the same desires and possesses the same satisfaction with regard to recognition by it of the Grand Lodge and desires that both grand lodges mutually recognize each other as duly constituted Masonic grand lodges; AND

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge is advised that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 2004 passed this same resolution extending fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge in the same manner and on the same terms as the present resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

1. It hereby extends fraternal recognition to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Its Jurisdictions, Inc., as a duly constituted Masonic grand lodge;
2. It will remain autonomous within its jurisdiction and will operate hereafter as heretofore with its own grand master and other Grand Lodge officers, Constitution, bylaws, ritual, rules and regulations and will retain its absolute and supreme sovereignty over its own subordinate lodges and membership;

Submitted by
Eagle Lodge No. 19
Holly Springs Lodge No. 115
Blackmer Lodge No. 127
Salem Lodge No. 289
Pigeon River Lodge No. 386
West Bend Lodge No. 434
Piedmont Pioneer Lodge No. 685
Liberty Lodge No. 714
King Lodge No. 722
William Pitt Lodge No. 734

On written ballot, the delegates voted 665 in favor and 423 opposed. Having failed to to garner the necessary two-thirds majority, the resolution to recognize the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina was rejected.

Report of Wilkerson College

Junior Grand Warden William L. Dill gave a report on Wilkerson College, the training program aimed a lodge deacons. The college encompassess three weekends of training for a limited number of lodge deacons and is sponsored by the Grand Lodge and North Carolina's Scottish Rite.

Resolution: To Print the Red Letter Work of the OSW in English

WHEREAS, the Board of Custodians has approved the printing of the red letter work of the OSW in a separate book.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the red letter floor work be printed in English in a soft bound book completely separated from the OSW and which will include all of the floor work in all sections throughout the OSW except the several secret sections in the three symbolic degrees that divulge the secrets of the degree.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Custodians shall have the authority to sell the book to any member in good standing of a subordinate lodge falling under the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, such price to be set by the Board of Custodians and approved by the Board of General Purposes

Respectively submitted,
Board of Custodians

The delegates rejected the resolution.

Salute to Annual Communication Chairman

Grand Master Rigdon saluted Ronald Page on his fifteenth year as chairman of the Annual Communication. He was presented an acrylic award of thanks from the Grand Lodge and accorded a standingg ovation.

Final Report of the Board of General Purposes Grand Lodge Closed in Ample Form

There being no further business to come before the Grand Lodge, the minutes were approved, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Grand Master

Attest:

I certify that the forgoing Proceedings are a true and correct record of the official transactions of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at the communication held on September 19–20, 2008, and that they were prepared by me from the detailed minutes of that communication, and were published under my supervision.

Grand Secretary

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September 28, 2007
Annual Communication
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Address of Tennessee Grand Master
Orville Robert Armstrong

Good morning Most Worshipful Grand Master, right worshipful sirs, and, most importantly, brothers; I bring you greetings from 51,000 Masons of Tennessee. I was thinking about what I would say if Berry called me up here. Last night we had an entertainer that shared some folk stories. In Brother Berry's and my region, folklore is great. Now my name is Armstrong so that automatically tells you I'm Scottish. I got a little Irish, my mother's side is a little German and a little English. Now, right there are four nationalities that are always right and are never wrong. So, you can imagine what kind of conflict I'm in internally all the time.

Brethren, we're starting to see a resurgence in Masonry. And as I look out over this room I see a lot of men who are younger than I am. That's a good sign. And, as your grand secretary said, you've had the lowest loss in membership you've had in years. And it's mainly because you've had a great influx in petitioning. These are young men. We're seeing that in Tennessee. We're seeing that in every grand jurisdiction I've been to and I asked the question were seeing it. A brother asked me, "What has happened?"

I said, "Well Hollywood helped us, two movies: National Treasure and The Da Vinci Code." Yes National Treasure had a lot of historical facts in it, although they stretched them out a little bit for the movie. The Da Vinci Code was fiction from the word go, but it sparked interest in a group of people.

These people have an interest in belonging to something that has meaning and purpose; and brethren, we have that if we don't mess it up. Brethren, these young men that are coming in, whether you want to admit it or not, are our replacements just as we have replaced brethren that came before us. And yes sometimes we had to wrestle leadership positions and authority from some of the mature members. Let's not let ourselves fall into the same trap. We were the new kids on the block. We had a new idea.

The principles of morality and virtue, brethren, are timeless. They do not change. What does change is the avenue on how we get there and how we present it to the future generations. It's up to us. We've been preaching gloom and doom for about 30 years now. We have not disappointed ourselves, have we? That's by design.

I throw before you, brethren, a challenge. Let's shift gears. Let's turn around. Let's be optimistic. That optimism will become contagious and spread. In a few years, we'll look back on these as the day when we turned the corner and started taking Masonry back to the position it was in when our forefathers formed this government that we live in and cherish.

Brethren, we're the best deal on the block. I was asked one time, "What is the benefit of this fraternity?"

And I gave a simple answer, "It has enabled me to make friends all over the world that I would have never crossed paths with except for this common denominator." Brethren, it distresses me in Tennessee, and I'm sure it does folks in this grand jurisdiction too, when we let little petty things divide a lodge. You all know what I'm talking about. Don't act like you don't. It's a common denominator. Brethren, think about this.

I'm going to give you four things that are wrong with Freemasonry. And, these are terminal if we do not keep them in check: ego, pride, selfishness, and jealousy. We have no place in the fraternity for any one of those. Yes, each one of us has an ego, or we wouldn't be here. Ego is a good thing if it's checked and directed in the right direction.

Pride is also a good thing when we don't let it get in the way of what we should be doing or what we know is right. We should have the pride in the fraternity to raise the level back up to where we're proud to say we're a Mason, and people know we're a Mason by the way we walk, act, and talk with the non-Masons.

Jealousy – boy, there's a good one. We shouldn't be jealous of our brethren that have done something right or attained a level of notoriety or whatever, because brethren I really believe deep in my heart they're doing it for the good of all and not I. It's we, it's not I. Let's work on that. This fraternity didn't get in trouble because of outside forces even though we have been attacked and criticized by outside forces. That's not our problem. Our problem is sitting in this room. We made the problem. We're the only ones that can fix it.

Let's put pride, and ego, and jealousy out of the way and start doing what our forefathers intended for us to do and bring Masonry back on the track; because brethren when an entered apprentice and each one of us turned in that petition to a Masonic lodge and we were elected, you were elected not only into the greatest fraternity in the world. You were elected as a Master Mason even though you hadn't gone through the steps. And you're going to carry that title till the day you go to the celestial lodge above, whether you stay in this fraternity, or you get out of it. You're someone's perception of what we are. Let's

give them a good perception, brethren. Thank you.

September 23, 2006

Annual Communication

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**Comments from Past Grand Master A. C. "Jack" Honeycutt
in Response to Resolution Honoring Him**

Brethren, I don't deserve this, but I missed [Annual Communication] last year. They had me in the hospital. They didn't think I was going to live till the next day. But, last year was the first grand lodge I had missed in 50 years.

So I'm here today still aggravating people as much as I possibly can.

That's my Grand Lodge father [indicating Past Grand Master Les Garner], and you know all the grand masters between him and myself are dead. He appointed me and I'm number three in line. Frank Noble, and Les, and me, so you know none of us are promised tomorrow. We have to live our life as – be prepared. I died one time between the ICU unit and the operating room, and they brought me back by shocking me. Right after I got there, they had to – you know I've always heard that when you died everything in your body went out, well it went out, and when I came back they were cleaning me up.

So that afternoon, I wasn't full of it.

But, several people at church asked me about that time. Well actually I got to the gate in Heaven. Up until then I, always had fear of death. Today I have no fear of death.

You know, there's a lot of things worse than death. If you don't believe it, go to some of these rest homes. [Laughter] Laying in there — I had a sister that stayed in there for several years, three or four years, didn't know anything. And when they called me and said Virginia had died I said, "Well thank the Lord," because she's not suffering anymore.

So, anyway, I told them at church, I said, "Well, the doctors brought me back," I said no, "The good Lord brought me back." I said, "The Lord didn't want me, and the devil wouldn't have me, so he sent me back down here to worry the hell out of everybody else."

April 14, 2007

**Dedication of Grave Marker for Abraham Hodge
Halifax, North Carolina**

Remarks by Past Grand Master Charles Marshall Ingram

Abraham Hodge, the man who we are gathered to honor this afternoon, is a brother of mine, and a brother to all fellow Freemasons gathered here today. We are met to celebrate his life, his contributions to his country and his Masonic activities, and to honor and perpetuate his memory.

Brother Hodge was born about 1755, over two hundred and fifty years ago. At first blush, two hundred and fifty years seems like a very long time. However, to us who practice the principles of Freemasonry, the world's largest and oldest fraternity, it is like yesterday. Brother Hodge was born nearly a century after the first Freemasons were raised in America in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1658.

Carl Burke, the curator of the Historic Halifax Museum, has told us about the life, career, and public activities of Brother Hodge.

Among other things, we have heard how Brother Hodge began his career as an apprentice with Samuel Loudon, a New York printer who promoted the cause of American independence.

We have heard how Brother Hodge provided press coverage of General and Brother George Washington's army during its encampment at Valley Forge during the cold winter of 1777–1778. He may have known my great-great-great-grandfather, Private William Capps, of Johnston County, who was there.

And we have heard how Brother Hodge came to North Carolina, and pursued his career as a printer, serving as state printer during the early years of our state, 1785–1800.

We have heard how Brother Hodge established three newspapers, and how he printed religious publications, and how he published his own almanac.

We have heard how Brother Hodge was an ardent Federalist, and how he contributed to the creation of this great country, and how he helped guide it during its earliest, and some of its most formative years.

But, we have not heard anything about Brother Hodge's Masonic activities. I have been asked to do that. I have been asked to share with you what little information is known about Brother Hodge's Masonic career.

On an occasion such as this, we want to know when and where Brother Hodge became a Freemason. We also want to know why he became a Freemason. And we also want to know what he did as a Freemason.

From the earliest mention of him in the records which still exist today, we know that Brother Hodge was present in St. John's Lodge

No. 3, in New Bern, in 1787. We do not know for sure if this is where he was initiated and was a member, or if he merely were a visiting brother.

When Brother Hodge first came to North Carolina about 1784 or 1785, he established a printing office here in Halifax. In 1785, he formed a partnership with Andrew Blanchard for the publishing of a newspaper, the *State Gazette of North Carolina*, in New Bern.

The available records fail to show that Andrew Blanchard was a Mason. In fairness to him, he may have been. But, we just do not know.

Freemasonry had existed in New Bern since at least 1755, and our fraternity was very active and very prominent in that community. Many of the leading men were Freemasons. There can be no doubt that Brother Hodge daily came into contact with them in his business and other activities.

In 1786, Brother Hodge also formed a brief partnership with Silas W. Arnett, to publish the *State Laws of North Carolina*.

The available records do establish that Silas W. Arnett was a Freemason — and an extremely active one.

From the earliest mention of him in the records of the lodge which still exist today, we know that during the year 1787, Brother Arnett was present in both St. John's Lodge No. 3 in New Bern and Royal Edwin Lodge No. 5 in Windsor. However, from other available records, it appears that Bro. Arnett was a member of Royal Edwin Lodge No. 5 in Windsor in 1775.

The records of Unanimity Lodge No. 7 in Edenton reveal that he visited that lodge on November 11, 1775. Accompanying him were two other members of Royal Edwin Lodge No. 5, John Johnston, the master, and Andrew Oliver.

At the convention which met in Tarboro in December 1787 to organize the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Brother Arnett represented Royal Edwin Lodge. The other delegates were his same two brothers, John Johnston and Andrew Oliver.

At that convention, Samuel Johnston — soon to be elected Governor of North Carolina — was elected as the first grand master of the newly-organized Grand Lodge. Samuel Johnston was the brother of John Johnston, and also was a member of Royal Edwin Lodge No. 5 in Windsor. Apparently, he was not present for his installation on December 12, 1787, and he was installed “in absentia,” with Brother Silas W. Arnett serving as his proxy.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge on November 18, 1788, Brother Arnett was elected junior grand warden of the Grand Lodge for

1789.

So we know that Brother Silas W. Arnett, the business partner of Brother Hodge, was a very active Freemason.

Perhaps it was Brother Arnett who influenced and motivated Brother Hodge to seek membership in our craft. It certainly seems plausible, or even likely. However, we may never know.

Perhaps it was General and Brother George Washington, whom Brother Hodge served at Valley Forge during that terrible winter of 1777–1778, who influenced and motivated him to seek light in Masonry. We know that they shared the same feelings of patriotism and the desire for independence. We know that they shared the same Federalist principles for the creation and establishment of our government.

Perhaps it was Past Grand Master William Richardson Davie, who we honored at a similar ceremony last year, who inspired Brother Hodge. We know that they, too, shared the same Federalist principles for the creation and establishment of our government. Brother Davie is acknowledged as the father of the University of North Carolina. We also know that Brother Hodge was one of the first men to contribute to the library of the new university. Perhaps that was the result of their friendship and brotherhood.

Again, we probably will never know.

But, little is known of Brother Hodge's Masonic activities.

We know that he was an ardent supporter of our fraternity.

In 1788, he moved to Edenton, and published his newspaper there. On June 25, 1789, he published a glowing article in his newspaper, recounting the celebration of St. John's Day by the local lodge, Unanimity No. 7, the day before.

In the beautiful language of that era, he wrote that "the day was spent with that social harmony and pleasing conviviality which the occasion always inspires."

Unfortunately, that success was not to last. Beset by apparently insurmountable problems, Unanimity Lodge No. 7 was struggling. Its very survival was in doubt. The minutes of the lodge reflect that at a meeting held on June 20, 1791, Brother Hodge and another brother were requested to examine the accounts of the lodge and determine "whether the numbers and circumstances... bear its expense and further continuance." The report must have been a negative one, for there is no further record of Masonic activity in Edenton for the remainder of the 18th century.

By then, however, Brother Hodge was gone.

In 1793, he moved again, to Halifax.

The records of this lodge, Royal White Hart No. 2, contain evidence that he was present in the lodge in 1796. Again, we do not know if he had moved his membership here, or he attended merely as a visiting brother.

Later that year, 1796, Brother Hodge moved once again. This time to Raleigh, where he remained for the rest of his life. He died August 3, 1805. Apparently, he never married, and had no children.

I have found no evidence that he was active in the lodge in that city, Democratic Lodge No. 21. If the name of that lodge is any indication of the political philosophy of its members, then perhaps Brother Hodge, an ardent Federalist, simply found nothing of interest to him there. Since our fraternity eschews political discussion, however, it may be that Brother Hodge had other good reasons for this inactivity. Perhaps he was active, but the extant records simply do not reveal the nature and extent of his Masonic activity in Raleigh.

The earliest records of our Grand Lodge, some dating back to the 18th century, were transferred to the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill last year. When they have been properly inventoried and cataloged, and they become available to researchers, there is no doubt that they will reveal much more about the early history of Freemasonry in North Carolina and our early Brother Masons. Perhaps they will reveal more about the Masonic activities and career of Brother Abraham Hodge. We look forward to that day.

However, for the time being, we must content ourselves to know that he was an ardent patriot, and that he worked tirelessly for the cause of American independence.

We must be content to know that he served our state and its people as a printer and publisher for twenty years, and that he also worked tirelessly to promote the principles of civil government that he felt were necessary to enable our young nation to survive and grow and prosper.

And we must be content to know that he was a dedicated and active Freemason. He worked tirelessly to promote the principles and tenets of our Order. He was our Brother.

We are beholden to Brother Hodge both for his public life and service, and the many contributions that he made, and for his Masonic career and service.

In concluding these remarks about Brother Hodge, I would be terribly remiss if I did not also acknowledge that we also are beholden to this ancient lodge, Royal White Hart No. 2, and the people of this

ancient town and county, for providing and maintaining this site as a part of our heritage. We are beholden also to the North Carolina Societies, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and Children of the American Revolution (CAR), for the work that you are doing and for co-sponsoring today's events with us. We are indebted to all of you for helping us to preserve and honor the lives and the memory of Grand Master Joseph Montfort and Brother Abraham Hodge.

And now, as a Freemason and as a past grand master of Masons in North Carolina, it is my special privilege and great pleasure to lead you now in this memorial ceremony to honor the life, the spirit, the leadership, and the continuing inspiration of our Brother, Abraham Hodge.

Assisting me are:

Brother Walter J. Klein, a member of Excelsior Lodge No. 261, in Charlotte.

It was Brother Klein who conceived and implemented our program for erecting these grave markers, on behalf of our Grand Lodge and the thousands of Freemasons in North Carolina. He currently is serving as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Public Relations.

I am extremely proud to say that he also is a recipient of the Joseph Montfort Medal, named in memory of one of the heroes who we recognize today, and the highest award given by our Grand Lodge, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to humanity and Freemasonry.

Assisting us is Brother Steve Avent, a member of Royal White Hart Lodge No. 2, here in Halifax, and founding president of the newly organized Halifax Resolves Chapter of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution, with which our Grand Lodge is co-sponsoring these ceremonies here today.

And also assisting us is Brother Tim Berly, also a member of Excelsior Lodge No. 261 in Charlotte, and a member of the Color Guard of the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Corn, wine, and oil are the Masonic elements of consecration. The adoption of these symbols is supported by the highest antiquity. Corn, wine, and oil were the most important productions of Eastern countries. They constituted the wealth of the people, and were esteemed as the supports of life and the means of refreshment.

In Freemasonry, corn is an emblem of plenty. Wine is an emblem of joy and gladness. And oil is an emblem of peace. As Freemasons, they teach us an important lesson: That we are always to be ready

to impart a portion of our bread to feed the hungry, to send a cup of our wine to cheer the sorrowful, and to pour the healing oil of our consolation into the wounds which sickness hath made in the bodies, or affliction rent in the hearts of our fellow-travelers along the level of time that is this life.

King Solomon paid the builders of his Temple in corn, wine, and oil, as a reward for their labors. That is why, in our second degree initiation ritual, newly admitted Fellow Craft Masons are paid the same "wages."

As exemplification, we now pour corn, wine, and oil upon this monument.

In setting this stone, we check it with the square, the plumb, and the level.

Finally, we symbolically tap the stone in place with this gavel.

By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, I proclaim that this marker has been found to be square, level, and plumb, according to our ancient customs.

In the name of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, this marker is dedicated to the eternal and everlasting honor and memory of our brother, Abraham Hodge, "A Hero Among Masons."

So mote it be!

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St John's	1	12	9	7	6	1	2	0	0	35	0	11	350	313	-37	1	38	\$125.00	\$60.00	\$45.00
Royal White Hart	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	82	80	-2	0	14	\$100.00	\$70.00	0
St.John's	3	7	10	10	8	5	3	0	0	7	1	5	283	286	3	0	36	\$75.00	\$45.00	\$30.00
St.John's	4	10	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	4	116	109	-7	0	32	\$100.00	\$90.00	0
Charity	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	55	55	0	0	8	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Unanimity	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	89	85	-4	0	10	\$75.00	\$52.50	\$10.00
Phoenix	8	17	21	16	17	3	1	0	0	9	2	16	419	413	-6	2	26	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$5.00
Johnston-Caswell	10	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	40	-2	2	5	\$100.00	\$7.00	0
Caswell Brotherhood	11	22	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	94	94	0	0	1	\$75.00	\$45.00	0
St.John's	13	11	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	61	60	-1	0	7	\$100.00	\$100.00	0
American George	17	5	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	66	66	0	2	14	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Eagle	19	19	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	2	1	6	124	123	-1	0	13	\$100.00	\$85.00	\$0.00
Statesville	27	30	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	5	2	6	162	151	-11	0	20	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
Phalanx	31	32	5	6	5	3	1	0	0	0	4	5	179	179	0	0	28	\$100.00	\$45.00	0
Stokes	32	28	5	6	6	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	193	199	6	0	23	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
Davie	39	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	7	1	6	119	108	-11	0	17	\$100.00	\$50.00	0
Hiram	40	15	7	7	7	1	1	0	0	4	1	6	264	262	-2	0	56	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$25.00
Liberty	45	33	5	3	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	113	117	4	0	8	\$100.00	\$50.00	0
Hall	53	1	8	10	12	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	108	121	13	2	16	\$100.00	\$63.00	0
Concord	58	9	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	0	4	107	102	-5	0	13	\$100.00	\$70.00	0
Perseverance	59	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	114	111	-3	0	16	\$50.00	\$72.00	0
Kilwinning	64	29	2	4	4	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	149	150	1	0	22	\$150.00	\$50.00	0
Widow's Son	75	1	2	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	72	77	5	0	14	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$10.00
Greensboro	76	23	8	11	10	2	2	0	0	1	0	8	162	167	5	0	40	\$100.00	\$65.00	0
Zion	81	7	3	5	4	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	87	89	2	0	6	\$100.00	\$53.00	\$0.00
LaFayette	83	4	15	8	12	1	1	0	0	8	4	12	226	217	-9	0	22	\$100.00	\$78.00	0
Fellowship	84	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	122	121	-1	0	20	\$100.00	\$78.00	\$20.00
Morning Star	85	9	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	114	114	0	0	15	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$40.00
Skewarkee	90	5	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	107	108	1	0	14	\$150.00	\$63.00	0

Western Star	91	38	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	73	73	0	0	4	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Joseph Warren	92	16	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	47	47	0	0	5	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Jerusalem	95	6	1	2	3	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	38	42	4	0	3	\$50.00	\$50.00	0
Millbrook	97	14	2	2	6	4	2	0	0	2	4	6	179	179	0	0	16	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Hiram	98	11	8	6	5	1	2	1	0	3	1	4	164	163	-1	1	12	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
Fulton	99	28	4	3	8	0	2	0	0	1	0	5	157	161	4	0	31	\$125.00	\$50.00	0
Columbus	102	20	5	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	71	74	3	0	10	\$100.00	\$65.00	0
Orr	104	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	138	133	-5	0	13	\$50.00	\$65.00	\$25.00
Perquimans	106	1	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	112	108	-4	1	17	\$75.00	\$35.00	\$15.00
Franklin	109	4	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	9	241	232	-9	0	62	\$100.00	\$53.00	\$10.00
Wayne	112	10	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	7	1	9	212	201	-11	2	44	\$125.00	\$65.00	0
Person	113	19	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	91	88	-3	0	12	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$15.00
St. Alban's	114	18	4	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	8	223	220	-3	0	32	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$5.00	
Holly Springs	115	15	6	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	50	4	0	3	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Mount Lebanon	117	16	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	144	142	-2	0	16	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$2.50
Mt. Hermon	118	39	6	4	6	3	1	0	0	1	0	4	162	167	5	0	25	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
Oxford	122	13	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	177	177	0	0	12	\$150.00	\$65.00	0
Franklinton	123	13	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	85	86	1	1	8	\$90.00	\$50.00	\$90.00	
Mill Creek	125	11	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	96	96	0	0	11	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$25.00
Gatesville	126	1	3	4	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	5	76	77	1	0	11	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$10.00
Blackmer	127	24	9	6	6	2	0	0	0	4	0	5	129	128	-1	0	14	\$100.00	\$90.00	0
Hanks	128	24	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	61	61	0	0	4	\$100.00	\$50.00	0
Dan River	129	22	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	116	116	0	0	23	\$100.00	\$50.00	0
Radiance	132	6	6	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	93	95	2	0	11	\$100.00	\$77.00	0
Mocksville	134	27	3	3	4	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	114	118	4	0	16	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Leaksville	136	22	8	6	6	2	1	0	0	2	2	4	165	166	1	0	14	\$150.00	\$65.00	\$15.00
Lincoln	137	34	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	12	0	1	216	208	-8	1	21	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
King Solomon	138	12	2	5	4	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	84	84	0	0	7	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Mt. Vernon	143	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	43	42	-1	0	10	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Junaluskee	145	41	6	6	6	2	2	0	0	2	1	6	205	206	1	0	34	\$150.00	\$65.00	\$35.00
Cherokee	146	41	6	1	6	3	2	0	0	1	0	6	119	123	4	1	10	\$100.00	\$50.00	0
Palmyra	147	20	5	3	2	0	4	0	0	6	2	3	255	250	-5	0	26	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$35.00
Adoniram	149	13	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	28	0	0	2	\$75.00	\$65.00	0
Pee Dee	150	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	57	53	-4	0	1	\$75.00	\$60.00	0

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Sanford	151	20	8	8	8	1	0	0	0	0	24	4	155	136	-19	1	20	\$100.00	\$50.00	0
Scotch-Ireland	154	28	4	4	4	2	1	0	0	0	1	5	84	85	1	0	4	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
White Stone	155	14	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	102	0	0	19	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Knop of Reeds	158	19	13	6	7	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	136	148	12	0	5	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Yadkin	162	25	6	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	130	132	2	0	14	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Archer	165	14	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	33	32	-1	0	5	\$50.00	\$75.00	0
Winston Lodge	167	26	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	6	2	2	122	116	-6	0	27	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$5.00
Blackmer	170	39	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	3	2	4	103	100	-3	0	7	\$100.00	\$50.00	0
Buffalo	172	20	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	6	123	115	-8	0	14	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Williams	176	31	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	6	1	3	128	121	-7	0	7	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Carthage	181	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	62	57	-5	0	4	\$125.00	\$90.00	0
Central Cross	187	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	53	52	-1	0	5	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$25.00
Balfour	188	24	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	4	1	86	81	-5	0	14	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$40.00	
Fair Bluff	190	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	28	22	-6	0	2	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Granite	191	16	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	77	78	1	0	10	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$0.00
Cary	198	15	15	12	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	238	239	1	0	39	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$5.00
Cleveland	202	35	6	8	4	2	1	0	0	0	2	6	226	225	-1	0	23	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$5.00
Long Creek	205	31	8	9	10	5	0	0	0	0	3	9	238	241	3	1	18	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$5.00
Mingo	206	11	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	121	119	-2	0	14	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
Lebanon	207	18	12	6	8	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	135	140	5	2	9	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Mt. Olive	208	10	7	7	7	1	2	0	0	6	2	3	133	132	-1	1	19	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Eno	210	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	127	123	-4	0	29	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$11.00
Thomasville	214	27	6	5	7	1	2	0	0	1	1	3	168	173	5	1	27	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Catawba Valley	217	34	5	3	6	1	0	0	0	7	1	2	252	249	-3	0	40	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
Wm. G. Hill	218	14	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	190	183	-7	0	43	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
Olin	226	30	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	43	43	0	0	2	\$100.00	\$53.00	\$0.00
Henderson	229	13	2	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	8	122	114	-8	3	14	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Corinthian	230	9	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	4	1	9	257	247	-10	0	16	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$3.00
Wm.T. Bain	231	15	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	70	72	2	0	5	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$0.00

Mystic Tie	237	34	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	4	2	2	131	126	-5	0	16	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Wicacoan	240	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	20	1	0	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Grifton	243	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	92	86	-6	0	13	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$0.00
Monroe	244	29	6	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	253	250	-3	1	25	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$10.00
Catawba	248	34	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	96	97	1	0	19	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Pythagoras	249	12	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	2	3	129	127	-2	0	8	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Lee	253	30	9	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	114	119	5	0	9	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Kenly	257	16	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	64	62	-2	0	8	\$75.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Fuquay	258	15	6	4	2	2	0	0	0	3	2	4	108	103	-5	0	13	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Waynesville	259	40	8	4	3	2	4	0	0	3	1	3	128	130	2	0	22	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
Excelsior	261	32	13	10	10	1	5	2	0	4	4	11	318	313	-5	0	61	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Hibriten	262	34	11	9	7	1	3	0	0	5	1	9	272	268	-4	2	30	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$15.00
Gaston	263	36	5	5	6	1	0	0	0	7	0	3	147	144	-3	0	18	\$130.00	\$65.00	\$12.00
Farmington	265	27	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	108	109	1	0	3	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
Dunn's Rock	267	38	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	200	194	-6	0	29	\$130.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Tobasco	271	23	3	3	1	4	2	0	0	3	0	3	81	82	1	0	8	\$100.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Bingham	272	22	5	6	7	1	3	0	0	5	0	2	131	135	4	0	11	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$6.00
Beaver Dam	276	29	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	3	102	101	-1	0	7	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Green Level	277	15	4	3	3	1	2	0	0	3	0	4	74	73	-1	0	13	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Rehoboth	279	11	0	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	28	32	4	0	3	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Wake Forest	282	14	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	98	99	1	0	15	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Eureka	283	28	7	10	6	3	0	0	0	7	1	3	202	200	-2	0	18	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$100.00
Greenville	284	6	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	97	96	-1	0	22	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Salem	289	26	7	5	5	2	0	0	0	6	5	13	268	251	-17	0	55	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$15.00
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French Broad	292	39	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	137	130	-7	0	15	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$50.00
Vance	293	39	6	3	2	1	2	0	0	10	3	3	120	109	-11	2	17	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$10.00
Atlantic	294	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	71	71	0	0	9	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	
Stonewall	296	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	43	40	-3	0	7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Harmony	299	30	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	47	46	-1	0	5	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Aurora	300	7	4	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	30	32	2	0	6	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Clay	301	41	6	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	172	172	0	1	27	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Lillington	302	20	5	2	3	2	0	0	0	6	1	8	193	183	-10	0	15	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Pleasant Hill	304	10	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	6	167	158	-9	0	24	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$5.00

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Laurinburg	305	21	4	3	3	0	2	0	0	5	0	5	103	98	-5	0	13	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$115.00
Raeford	306	21	7	6	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	119	119	0	0	7	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$20.00
New Lebanon	314	1	4	4	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	3	93	95	2	1	13	\$85.00	\$63.00	\$20.00
Eureka	317	1	3	3	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	4	211	212	1	1	39	\$100.00	\$58.00	\$25.00
Wilmington	319	12	13	10	10	3	2	0	0	6	4	8	269	266	-3	1	27	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$10.00
Selma	320	16	3	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	89	93	4	0	9	\$100.00	\$85.00	\$0.00
Granite	322	25	4	5	6	0	1	0	0	4	0	3	165	165	0	0	17	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$1.00
Bayboro	331	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	68	67	-1	0	10	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	
Fairview	339	35	10	10	9	1	2	0	0	10	0	6	226	222	-4	2	18	\$150.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Harmony	340	10	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	82	82	0	0	6	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Hickory	343	34	9	2	2	2	0	0	0	12	1	10	333	312	-21	1	28	\$125.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Numa F. Reid	344	23	5	2	2	2	1	0	0	2	5	0	112	110	-2	0	18	\$125.00	\$80.00	\$10.00
Stanley	348	29	1	3	3	1	0	0	0	5	0	3	147	143	-4	0	28	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$15.00
Durham	352	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	2	10	246	230	-16	0	30	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$7.50
Fallston	356	35	5	2	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	85	85	0	0	9	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$75.00
Bakersville	357	37	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	6	107	99	-8	1	9	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
East LaPorte	358	40	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	72	71	-1	0	26	\$75.00	\$55.00	\$50.00
Mount Vernon	359	7	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	62	62	0	0	10	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Snow	363	33	11	10	11	1	0	0	0	1	4	203	210	7	1	33	\$200.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	
Gastonia	369	36	8	5	5	0	5	0	0	12	5	9	222	206	-16	0	40	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Ashler	373	33	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	60	59	-1	0	11	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Campbell	374	30	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	2	81	74	-7	0	4	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
State Line	375	35	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	47	46	-1	0	6	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
Youngsville	377	13	5	5	5	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	35	40	5	0	1	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Seaboard	378	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	32	27	-5	0	1	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
Coharie	379	11	3	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	69	73	4	0	4	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$3.00
Granville	380	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	35	0	0	7	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Forest City	381	38	6	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	139	137	-2	0	18	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Jefferson Penn	384	22	3	4	6	2	2	1	0	2	0	5	155	158	3	0	20	\$150.00	\$65.00	\$0.00

Pigeon River	386	40	7	3	3	1	6	0	0	0	2	3	100	105	5	0	22	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$15.00
Kedron	387	38	6	8	10	1	3	0	0	4	3	12	203	198	5	0	36	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Friendship	388	35	10	5	6	2	9	0	0	2	0	0	132	147	15	0	8	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Copeland	390	25	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	6	0	1	105	102	-3	0	0	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Lebanon	391	17	16	15	14	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	215	229	14	0	8	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Orient	395	12	7	7	7	1	2	0	0	8	2	6	179	173	-6	0	11	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Bald Creek	397	37	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	5	126	124	-2	0	12	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Joppa	401	34	1	2	0	3	0	0	10	0	2	99	92	-7	0	17	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	
Siler City	403	20	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	116	114	-2	1	16	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$0.00
Denton	404	27	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	64	65	1	0	1	\$95.00	\$65.00	\$1.00
Ocean	405	4	6	3	3	5	1	1	0	4	2	6	220	216	-4	1	36	\$100.00	\$72.00	\$15.00
North Wilkesboro	407	33	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	9	0	1	102	94	-8	0	6	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
University	408	19	2	5	4	0	1	0	0	1	8	4	123	115	-8	2	18	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$50.00
Bula	409	22	12	8	8	2	2	0	0	4	0	6	269	271	2	3	113	\$125.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Bailey	411	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	45	41	-4	0	9	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
Henry F. Grainger	412	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	39	37	-2	0	3	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
James A. Johnson	413	13	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	76	73	-3	0	10	\$75.00	\$55.00	\$5.00
Maxton	417	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	39	37	-2	1	0	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Pendleton	418	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	6	77	73	-4	0	18	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$30.00
Harmon	420	25	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	33	33	0	0	2	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Sparta	423	33	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	112	109	-3	0	9	\$75.00	\$42.00	\$0.00
Montgomery	426	41	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	6	98	90	-8	1	16	\$80.00	\$45.00	\$10.00
Oconee	427	40	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	7	0	4	82	74	-8	0	4	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Stokesdale	428	23	1	4	4	3	1	0	0	6	1	1	139	139	0	0	31	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$5.00
Seaside	429	4	6	5	6	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	177	188	11	0	22	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$15.00
Relief	431	16	4	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	101	100	-1	0	4	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Piney Creek	432	33	4	2	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	56	59	3	1	7	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Vanceboro	433	7	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	107	107	0	0	3	\$21.00	\$60.00	\$40.00
West Bend	434	26	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	113	112	-1	0	9	\$150.00	\$60.00	\$25.00
Blue Ridge	435	41	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	54	4	0	2	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Biscoe	437	24	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	122	121	-1	0	6	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
Marble Springs	439	41	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	47	47	0	0	2	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$75.00
Marietta	444	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	74	68	-6	0	13	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Biltmore	446	39	5	3	5	2	1	0	0	7	5	8	343	331	-12	1	30	\$85.00	\$55.00	\$15.00

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Enfield	447	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	43	0	0	7	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Clyde	453	40	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	57	2	0	13	\$75.00	\$57.00	\$10.00
Elkin	454	25	4	5	3	2	1	0	0	14	4	5	159	142	-17	0	16	\$75.00	\$57.00	\$5.00
Dillsboro	459	40	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	73	72	-1	0	18	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Cliffside	460	38	10	12	11	0	1	0	0	4	1	5	120	122	2	1	14	\$125.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Mathews	461	32	5	4	4	2	3	0	0	6	1	3	203	202	-1	0	13	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
South Fork	462	36	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	121	122	1	0	14	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Currituck	463	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	82	76	-6	0	12	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$10.00
Grassy Knob	471	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	44	43	-1	0	8	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Sonoma	472	40	2	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	86	86	0	0	16	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$15.00
Lexington	473	27	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	2	12	300	286	-14	0	37	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$5.00
St. Pauls	474	18	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	3	71	64	-7	0	7	\$150.00	\$65.00	\$100.00
Grimesland	475	6	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	85	85	0	0	8	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$50.00
Rainbow	479	7	3	4	3	2	0	1	0	1	2	3	85	83	-2	0	4	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Saluda	482	38	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	65	63	-2	0	5	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Traphill	483	33	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	64	63	-1	0	5	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Southern Pines	484	21	4	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	7	148	145	-3	0	45	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$5.00
Lawndale	486	35	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	75	75	0	0	10	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Rich Square	488	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	0	4	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
Linville	489	37	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	61	61	0	0	7	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Hominy	491	39	3	5	6	7	3	0	0	3	1	9	154	157	3	0	14	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$25.00
Thomas M. Holt	492	22	4	6	4	1	0	0	0	9	0	4	146	138	-8	0	20	\$150.00	\$60.00	\$25.00
Pilot	493	25	4	2	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	48	54	6	0	5	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
Rockingham	495	21	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	184	177	-7	1	18	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Mooreville	496	30	7	4	4	3	0	0	0	3	0	9	146	141	-5	0	15	\$150.00	\$55.00	\$10.00
Royal Hart	497	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	45	43	-2	0	13	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Ayden	498	6	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	43	44	1	0	2	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Creedmoor	499	13	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	58	53	-5	0	4	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Raleigh	500	14	10	6	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	70	75	5	0	5	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$75.00

Red Springs	501	18	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	57	52	-5	0	6	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$10.00
Cookville	502	34	5	3	2	1	9	0	0	10	1	4	170	167	-3	0	7	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	
Cherryville	505	36	7	3	6	2	1	0	0	3	1	5	210	213	3	2	24	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	
Belhaven	509	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	8	2	2	104	94	-10	0	6	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
Whetstone	515	36	15	11	11	1	2	0	0	3	0	2	174	183	9	0	13	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	
Farmville	517	6	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	3	66	64	-2	0	7	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$10.00	
Widow's Son	519	8	11	11	9	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	129	137	8	1	19	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
Fairfield	520	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	195	196	1	0	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Manteo	521	2	3	5	6	2	1	0	0	2	0	7	70	67	-3	0	5	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$25.00	
Rodgers	525	9	8	7	5	2	0	1	0	7	0	2	59	56	-3	0	5	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$0.00	
Lucama	527	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	59	56	-3	0	5	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$7.50	
Fairmont	528	18	9	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	92	95	3	0	2	\$150.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	
Andrews	529	41	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	128	124	-4	0	18	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$5.00	
Joppa	530	31	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	10	241	230	-11	0	31	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00		
Hamlet	532	21	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	110	110	0	0	10	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$15.00		
Camp Call	534	35	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	100	99	-1	0	5	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$0.00		
Hollis	535	38	6	5	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	103	107	4	1	12	\$75.00	\$53.00	\$0.00	
Corinthian	542	23	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	143	139	-4	0	33	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$15.00	
Spencer	543	28	3	5	5	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	125	130	5	0	21	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	
Mount Holly	544	36	3	8	9	1	3	0	0	3	0	5	180	185	5	0	14	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
Roman Eagle	550	21	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	105	102	-3	0	13	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$25.00	
Glenville	551	40	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	44	1	0	3	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$50.00		
Revolution	552	23	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	424	387	-37	0	69	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$25.00		
Vesper	554	37	2	2	3	1	3	0	0	1	0	6	177	177	0	0	19	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
Elise	555	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	112	108	-4	0	7	\$100.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	
Neill S. Stewart	556	20	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	110	109	-1	0	13	\$100.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	
Ararat	558	25	5	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	38	41	3	1	0	\$375.00	\$50.00	\$50.00		
Swannanoa	561	39	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	86	82	-4	0	6	\$80.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	
Waxhaw	562	29	4	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	67	68	1	0	11	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	
Tabor	563	18	5	4	6	0	1	0	0	0	3	93	97	4	0	11	\$150.00	\$78.00	\$50.00		
Richlands	564	4	4	3	3	3	1	0	0	6	1	5	93	88	-5	0	7	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	
Wendell	565	14	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	2	81	76	-5	0	10	\$50.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	
Doric	568	7	10	6	9	1	2	0	0	4	2	10	266	262	-4	0	42	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	
Snow Creek	571	30	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	56	56	0	0	7	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00		

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Mt. Pleasant	573	33	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	100	98	-2	0	9	\$125.00	\$65.00	\$50.00
Andrew Jackson	576	28	10	6	6	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	237	239	2	0	34	\$125.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Meadow Branch	578	29	8	4	6	0	2	0	0	3	1	1	100	103	3	0	3	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Casar	579	35	9	6	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	5	129	129	0	0	10	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
Ionic	583	7	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	130	127	-3	0	13	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Apex	584	15	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	59	56	-3	0	3	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$10.00
Roseboro	585	11	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	57	57	0	0	3	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$15.00
Bethel	589	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	25	-1	0	6	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Lowell	590	36	5	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	9	193	188	-5	1	18	\$125.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Maiden	592	34	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	0	89	84	-5	0	10	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
Stony Point	593	30	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	63	62	-1	1	4	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Ashe	594	33	6	5	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	193	194	1	3	11	\$125.00	\$45.00	\$0.00
Wallace	595	11	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	69	66	-3	1	16	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Waccamaw	596	12	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	75	74	-1	0	5	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$15.00
Cranberry	598	37	2	1	5	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	104	107	3	0	14	\$75.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
Queen City	602	9	6	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	96	98	2	0	15	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$5.00
Jeff L. Nelson	605	38	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	60	58	-2	0	8	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$10.00
Riverside	606	34	5	5	3	0	3	0	0	9	2	2	162	155	-7	0	17	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Chadbourn	607	18	3	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	55	58	3	0	11	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Zebulon	609	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	37	35	-2	0	7	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Atkinson	612	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	56	54	-2	0	7	\$160.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Home	613	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	46	1	0	2	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Round Peak	616	25	6	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	226	227	1	0	9	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
St. Patrick's	617	16	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	62	65	3	0	4	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
Union	618	28	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	6	0	2	144	140	-4	0	18	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
John H. Mills	624	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	31	0	0	5	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Cannon Memorial	626	28	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	5	0	10	214	203	-11	0	32	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
Belmont	627	36	2	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	2	5	138	136	-2	0	17	\$125.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Walnut Cove	629	25	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	105	103	-2	0	11	\$130.00	\$65.00	\$20.00

Francis S. Packard	630	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	21	1	0	3	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Goldsboro	634	10	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	8	163	156	-7	1	21	\$125.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$1.00
Yadkin Falls	637	29	9	9	0	1	0	1	0	0	42	51	9	0	7	\$125.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1.00
Proctorville	643	18	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	68	70	2	0	3	\$250.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$250.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$20.00
Bladen	646	17	9	6	3	3	0	0	6	1	6	145	141	-4	2	7	\$75.00	\$78.00	\$78.00	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$10.00
Nichols-West Asheville	650	39	3	3	4	0	1	0	0	19	10	8	141	109	-32	0	26	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
Elberta	654	21	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	4	78	76	-2	0	9	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$7.50
Guilford	656	23	10	5	5	3	1	0	0	0	5	198	202	4	0	47	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Keller Memorial	657	28	3	4	4	1	0	0	0	11	0	7	315	302	-13	0	25	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Beulaville	658	11	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	94	94	0	0	9	\$75.00	\$78.00	\$78.00	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$0.00
Black Mountain	663	39	1	5	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	152	154	2	1	16	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
Garland	664	11	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	35	37	2	0	2	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Fort Bragg	667	17	10	10	10	2	2	0	0	13	3	11	279	266	-13	0	31	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
Holland Memorial	668	36	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	4	144	136	-8	0	19	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Kernersville	669	26	5	9	8	0	1	0	0	5	3	6	245	240	-5	0	23	\$125.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$25.00
Lovelady	670	34	6	6	6	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	133	138	5	0	29	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Robbinsville	672	41	2	3	4	0	4	0	0	14	1	4	191	181	-10	1	20	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Spindale	673	38	3	4	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	3	78	82	4	0	9	\$150.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Acacia	674	23	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	106	104	-2	0	14	\$125.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$5.00
Washington	675	3	5	2	2	2	1	0	0	4	0	4	91	88	-3	0	12	\$50.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Temple	676	32	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	189	184	-5	0	44	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Warsaw	677	11	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	40	37	-3	0	12	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Providence	678	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	67	66	-1	0	12	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$10.00
Creasy Proctor	679	17	29	19	14	2	3	0	0	15	5	16	422	405	-17	1	42	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
Semper Fidelis	680	4	8	10	9	3	0	0	0	4	1	9	241	239	-2	1	40	\$125.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$15.00
Piedmont	681	23	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	70	66	-4	0	16	\$125.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$15.00
Rolesville	683	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	3	73	67	-6	0	4	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Piedmont-Pioneer	685	26	5	4	4	1	2	0	0	1	6	169	168	-1	0	45	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$5.00	
Angier	686	20	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	93	92	-1	1	10	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	687	19	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	127	124	-3	1	21	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$27.50
Cherry Point	688	7	9	6	8	3	1	0	0	5	0	6	157	158	1	0	13	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
Scotland Neck	689	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	41	39	-2	0	6	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Mt..Moriah	690	30	5	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	89	93	4	0	11	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Renfro	691	25	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	152	148	-4	0	25	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$75.00

Lodge Name	Lodge Number	District	Admitted	Restored	Expelled	Suspended UMC	Excluded NPD	Demitted	Died	Membership 2006	Membership 2007	Membership Change	Rejected	Exempt members	Fees	Dues	Affiliation Fee	
East Gate	692	31	8	6	5	4	1	14	326	317	-9	0	20		\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	
Charles M. Setzer	693	32	5	4	3	2	0	10	225	215	-10	0	28		\$100.00	\$75.00	\$5.00	
Gate City	694	23	4	5	6	7	1	5	319	320	1	0	29		\$100.00	\$65.00	\$10.00	
Allen-Graham	695	28	5	3	3	2	2	11	273	260	-13	0	13		\$100.00	\$60.00	\$15.00	
Butner	697	13	2	2	2	1	0	0	65	68	3	1	7		\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	
Cape Hatteras	698	2	0	0	1	4	0	5	83	82	-1	0	13		\$75.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	
Asheboro	699	24	6	2	0	4	3	2	205	202	-3	0	13		\$75.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	
Garner	701	15	3	2	3	0	2	5	118	114	-4	0	4		\$75.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	
St. Andrew	702	31	0	1	1	1	1	1	91	90	-1	0	7		\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	
Albemarle	703	29	10	9	6	0	1	6	267	261	-6	0	23		\$100.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	
King Solomon	704	36	2	3	3	1	0	3	151	149	-2	0	8		\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	
Richard Caswell	705	10	8	5	4	1	1	0	180	180	0	1	4		\$100.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	
Newport	706	4	4	3	3	0	1	2	117	116	-1	0	16		\$100.00	\$55.00	\$10.00	
Forsyth	707	26	1	2	1	1	3	0	95	90	-5	0	8		\$150.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	
Crown Point	708	6	8	6	6	1	2	3	168	169	1	0	11		\$50.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	
Conover	709	34	0	0	0	0	0	3	126	123	-3	0	10		\$100.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	
Advance	710	27	3	0	0	0	0	3	135	135	0	0	9		\$150.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	
Wilson	712	16	1	4	4	1	1	3	148	149	1	0	3		\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
Stanley	713	36	7	6	8	0	0	2	202	204	2	1	9		\$100.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	
Liberty	714	24	4	1	1	0	0	0	72	72	0	0	3		\$75.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
Derita	715	31	5	2	2	0	1	4	250	244	-6	0	6		\$100.00	\$70.00	\$9.00	
Burnsville	717	37	1	2	1	1	0	3	108	102	-6	0	13		\$75.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	
Troy	718	24	3	6	4	0	1	0	69	73	4	0	3		\$85.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	
Horse Creek	719	38	2	2	2	4	0	0	57	62	5	0	4		\$75.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	
Cabarrus	720	28	4	5	5	2	1	2	173	173	0	1	10		\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	
King	722	26	7	6	4	1	0	3	118	111	-7	0	5		\$125.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	
Winton	723	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	23	23	0	0	2		\$50.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	
Berne	724	7	9	8	8	2	1	0	0	183	188	5	0	11		\$75.00	\$45.00	\$0.00
Grantham	725	7	6	3	2	2	0	8	170	164	-6	0	9		\$100.00	\$75.00	\$5.00	

Shallotte	727	12	12	11	15	2	7	0	0	10	2	8	360	364	4	6	17	\$150.00	\$65.00	\$15.00
Stedman	730	17	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	81	84	3	0	5	\$120.00	\$75.00	\$15.00
John Huske Anderson	731	17	4	3	3	0	1	0	0	5	4	6	163	152	-11	1	4	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$5.00
Bush Hill	732	24	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	83	75	-8	0	2	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Stump Sound	733	4	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	85	83	-2	0	6	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
William Pitt	734	6	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	75	75	0	0	3	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
James B. Green	735	14	6	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	112	116	4	0	26	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
New River	736	4	4	1	2	2	2	0	0	9	2	2	115	108	-7	0	3	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Steele Creek	737	32	3	6	6	1	2	0	0	10	2	11	278	264	-14	0	14	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
West Gate	738	31	9	8	8	4	2	0	0	9	2	5	371	369	-2	0	15	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Newell	739	31	4	5	5	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	163	160	-3	0	9	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Charles B. Newcomb	740	15	6	4	3	1	0	0	0	4	1	1	45	43	-2	0	1	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Cristie Wright	741	4	7	3	3	1	0	0	0	5	1	6	176	168	-8	0	7	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$10.00
Mint Hill	742	32	13	13	13	4	4	0	0	0	0	8	425	438	13	0	17	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
J. J. Crowder	743	14	6	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	66	5	0	7	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Shelby	744	35	8	6	7	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	123	128	5	0	2	\$75.00	\$55.00	\$0.00
Vandora	745	15	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	8	0	3	82	75	-7	0	4	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
P. P. Turner	746	23	6	5	5	0	1	0	0	3	2	4	150	147	-3	0	11	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$6.00
Ocracoke	747	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	35	0	0	2	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Truth	749	29	13	11	7	0	2	0	0	5	0	1	184	187	3	0	5	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$10.00
Oak Grove	750	19	3	1	3	1	1	0	0	8	1	2	141	135	-6	0	2	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Old Town	751	26	6	8	9	1	0	0	0	9	1	3	196	193	-3	0	12	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Enterprise	752	27	6	5	3	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	111	112	1	0	6	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$10.00
Federal Point	753	12	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	72	76	4	0	5	\$135.00	\$70.00	\$0.00
Masters	754	15	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	47	45	-2	0	1	\$75.00	\$68.00	\$0.00
Clemmons	755	26	1	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	92	95	3	0	8	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
Clifford Duel	756	17	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	80	81	1	0	6	\$150.00	\$65.00	\$5.00
Denver	757	34	18	11	10	5	0	0	0	2	2	0	123	134	11	0	2	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Oak Island	758	12	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	95	93	-2	0	8	\$100.00	\$45.00	\$0.00
James K. Polk	759	32	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	133	136	3	1	3	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
Wilkinson College	760	23	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	2	11	2	84	77	-7	0	6	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
Orphans	761	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	87	93	6	0	9	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$100.00
Mosaic	762	19	7	6	3	36	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	38	38	0	0	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$50.00
Friendship	763	20	2	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35	0	2	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00

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