Proceedings
Of The
Grand Lodge
Of
Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons
Of
North Carolina

2008
David Ronald Cash

On September 29, 2007, at their Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina elected David Ronald Cash grand master. On December 1, he was installed. He is the 155th man to hold the office.

Rev. David Ronald Cash was born on October 27, 1950, in Iredell County to the late Marvin Ray and Leona Darr Cash. He is the youngest of five boys raised on a dairy farm in Troutman. He is a 1969 graduate of South Iredell High School in Barium Springs and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of South Carolina in 1973. Dave, as he prefers to be called, was a three-year letterman in football for Coach Paul Dietzel and the Gamecocks. He has also earned masters degrees from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

On June 27, 1970, he married his high school sweetheart, Rev. Lynn Watts Cash, who presently serves as the minister of Rocky Ridge United Methodist Church in Concord. Their son D. R., daughter-in-law Suzanne, and daughter Jennifer live in the Greensboro area and teach in Guilford County Schools.

From 1973–1984, Dave was a successful high school teacher, coach, and administrator. He entered the ministry in 1984 and has served the following charges: Elmwood, Hickory; St John's, Center-Pisgah (Statesville District); and Pleasant Union (Greensboro District). Cash is presently serving as the senior minister of Midway United Methodist Church in Kannapolis.

He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Campbell 374 in Troutman on December 28, 1978. He served as master of his blue lodge and as worthy patron of the George M. Young Chapter of the Eastern Star in 1983. He is a plural member in Orphans 761. He is a member of the York Rite, KCCH in the Scottish Rite, an Oasis Shriner, a member of Kannapolis Chapter No. 349 Order of the Eastern Star, and serves on the Board of Directors at the Masonic Home For Children at Oxford, and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro. He served as grand chaplain for Grand Master Tom Gregory in 1998. He was appointed senior grand steward by Grand Master-elect William Mathis in 2000.

Dave loves his family, music, cooking, golf, and meeting people.
# 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.

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Officers of the Grand Lodge of
AF & AM of North Carolina
2008

Elected Officers

David Ronald Cash (374).......................... Grand Master
Dan Charles Rice (409).......................... Deputy Grand Warden
William L. Dill (3)............................ Senior Grand Warden
Lewis R. Ledford (27).......................... Junior Grand Warden
Clifton W. Everett Jr., PGM (708)............. Grand Treasurer
T. Walton Clapp III (237)........................ Grand Secretary

Appointed Officers

Robert E. Gresham Jr. (703)...................... Senior Grand Deacon
Dewey R. Preslar Jr. (576)........................ Junior Grand Deacon
Dalton W. Mayo (98)............................. Grand Marshal
James L. Medlin (358)............................ Grand Steward
Douglas L. Caudle (27).......................... Grand Steward
David R. Cash Jr. (714).......................... Grand Tyler
Christopher A. Fitzgerald (674).................. Grand Chaplain
Michael W. Brantley (500)....................... Grand Historian
J. Henry Brantley (374).......................... Grand Lecturer
Graham W. Pervier, PGM (707).................... Grand Orator
Jimmie B. Hicks Jr. (3)........................... Judge Advocate
Living Past Grand Officers

S. Frank Noble Jr. (3). ............................................. Grand Master 1975
Leslie H. Garner (708) ................................... Grand Master 1976
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
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
W. Berry Rigdon (472) ..................................... Grand Master 2007
William L. Mills III (32) ................................ Deputy Grand Master 2000
Boards and Committees

Board of General Purposes
David R. Cash (374) Grand Master
Dan C. Rice (409) Deputy Grand Master
William Lynn Dill (3) Senior Grand Warden
Lewis R. Ledford (27) Junior Grand Warden
Clifton W. Everett Jr. (708) Grand Treasurer
T. Walton Clapp III (237) Grand Secretary

2008 — Richard G. Moore, PGM (544)
2009 — Graham W. Pervier, PGM (707)
2010 — William G. Mathis, PGM (138)

2008 — Jerry R. Tillett, PGM (521)
2009 — Johnny David Sutphin (561)
2010 — Thomas W. Gregory, PGM (27)

Board of Trustees of Drewery Memorial Grand Secretary’s Fund
David R. Cash (374) Grand Master
Clifton W. Everett Jr., PGM (708) Grand Treasurer
T. Walton Clapp III (237) Grand Secretary
Robert J. Dowen (735)

Cameron E. Shearon (40)

Board of Directors of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc.
2008 — James G. Martin (31)
2009 — Charles E. Scott (289), President
2010 — Leonard Y. Safrit, PGM (109)
2011 — David B. Wilson (758)
2012 — William G. Mathis, PGM (138), Vice President

Board of Directors of WhiteStone, Inc.
David R. Cash (374) Grand Master
Dan C Rice (409) Deputy Grand Master, Chairman
William L Dill (3) Senior Grand Warden
Lewis R. Ledford (27) Junior Grand Warden – Observer

2008 — William B. Brunk, PGM (40)
2008 — Robert Thomas Dooley (738)
2009 — William T. Hutchins (158)
2009 — David Melvin Crisp (634)
2009 — Bryant Deleron Webster (650)
2010 — Charles Speed Hallman (19)
2010 — Tommy L. Jones (746)
2010 — Guy E. Cline III (369)

Board of Directors of The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc.
David R. Cash (374) Grand Master
Dan C Rice (409) Deputy Grand Master
William L. Dill (3) Senior Grand Warden
Lewis R. Ledford (27) Junior Grand Warden – Observer

2008 — Tommy Eller (283)
2008 — Francisco Ortiz (680)
2009 — John David Cashion (435)
2009 — Ronald D. Graves (138)
2010 — Marion Kirby Matthew Jr. (404)
2010 — E. Earl Wells (98)
2010 — Douglas L. Caudle (27), Chairman

Board of Custodians
David R. Cash (374) Grand Master
J. Henry Brantley (374) Grand Lecturer

2008 — Mitchell L. Spruill (7)
2009 — John William Couch (387)
2010 — Jacob Ray Abernathy (606)

2008 — Dwight M. Sigmon (248), Secretary
2009 — Chesley McAulay Greene (64)
2010 — Howard Kahn (680)
Board of Publication of *The North Carolina Mason*

2008 — Thomas A. Pope (730)  
2010 — John O. Newman (358)  

2009 — Donald E. Bolden (409)  
2011 — Hugh K. Terrell Jr. (472)  
2012 — Gary R. Ballance (694)

Lodge Service Commission

2010 — Ronald J. Bowers (99), Chairman  
2008 — Ralph V. Shipton (1)  
2011 — Christopher Louis Burti (517)  

2009 — Keith B. Rash (299)  
2012 — W. Roger Lambertson (53)

Commission on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities

2008 — Richard G. Moore, PGM (544)

Code Commission

2010 — Bryant D. Webster (650), Chairman  
2008 — William L. Mills III (32)  
2011 — Robert Charles Kraus (145)  

2009 — Larry B. Thompson Jr. (127)  
2012 — Clayton L. Wright (676)

Committee on Finance

Dan C. Rice (409) Deputy Grand Master  
William L. Dill (3) Senior Grand Warden  
Lewis R. Ledford (27) Junior Grand Warden  

2008 — G. Glenn Adams (515) Chairman  
2009 — Samuel E. Lee II (40), V. Chairman  
2011 — E. Craig Howard (8)  

2008 — Paul Calvin Holbrook (483)  
2010 — George E. Lanvermeier Jr. (83)  
2010 — Matthew R. Anderson (704)

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

Dan C. Rice (409) Deputy Grand Master  
William L. Dill (3) Senior Grand Warden  
Lewis R. Ledford (27) Junior Grand Warden  

2008 — Oscar W. Harbin Jr. (482), Chairman  
2009 — James H. Baker Jr. (8)  
2010 — A. Gene Cobb Jr. (2)  

2008 — Leonard Y. Safrit Jr. (109)  
2009 — Wayne Douglas Walker (262)  
2010 — Larry B. Thompson Jr. (127)

Committee on Appeals

2009 — Thomas D. Haigwood (284) Chairman  
2008 — Jerry R. Tillett (521)  
2011 — Joseph Burton Howard (650)  

2010 — Scott T. Horn (751)  
2012 — Ronnie Stewart (740)

Committee on Masonic Education

2009 — Daniel P. Weatherington (712), Chairman  
2008 — Clayton L. Wright (676)  
2010 — William Cecil Keith (283)  

2008 — William S. Towne (408)  
2009 — Merritt Roland Newman IV (551)  
2010 — Gerald Vincent Grant (690)
Committee on Masonic Public Relations
2010 — Walter J. Klein (261), Chairman
2008 — Jeffrey D. Martin (746)  2009 — C. Ray Hall (76)
2011 — James Edward Reddish (578)  2012 — Gary Dean Walker (695)

Committee on Fraternal Correspondence
Thomas Warren Gregory, PGM (27)

Committee on the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc
Robert Elvis Gresham Jr. (703), Chairman
2008 — William Robert Adams (669)  2008 — Harry E. Greene (320)
2008 — James A. Rice (409)  2008 — William B. Safrit (695)

Committee on WhiteStone, Inc.
Dewey R. Preslar Jr., Chairman
2008 — Steven M. Burton (714)  2008 — Douglas E. Osbourn (695)
2008 — E. Jay Raymer (690)  2008 — David R. Cash Jr. (714)

Committee on Masonic and Miscellaneous Publications
2008 — C. Speed Hallman, (19) Chairman
2008 — Lloyd George Phillips (358)  2008 — Ray Bailey (491)
2008 — Curtis James Hipps (446)  2008 — James Ray Fore (472)

Committee on Charters and Dispensations
2008 — Randy C. Crainshaw (695), Chairman
2008 — Jimmie R. Beal (592)  2008 — Ralph B. Brown (374)

Committee on Permanent Building
2010 — Tommy R. Mills Jr. (277)

Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges
2008 — Richard G. Moore, PGM (544)

Committee on Charity
Edward A. Gaskins Jr. (319), Chairman

Committee on Credentials
Donald A. Bennett (686)
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Committee on Necrology
A. Gene Cobb Jr. (2)

Committee on Unfinished Business
2007 — Dennis Lee Cook (64)

Committee on Youth Organizations
2007 — Charles V. Rouse Jr. (40)
2007 — Frank Silbur (735)  2007 — Shaun Lendis Hayes (699)
Grand Lodge Library Committee
2008 — Larry B. Thompson (127)  2008 — Michael W. Brantley (500)
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Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities
2008 — Albert M. Jones (408)  2009 — Millie Gene Lewellyn (129)
                              2010 — M. Kirby Matthews (404) Chairman

Committee on Necrology
2008 — A Gene Cobb Jr (2)

Representative to the George Washington
Masonic National Memorial Association
2008 — W. Berry Rigdon, PGM (472)

Representative to the
Masonic Service Association of the United States
2008 — W. Berry Rigdon, PGM (472)

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First Day Morning Session

At 10:00 A.M. Friday, September 19, 2008, 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 221st 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 Dalton W. Mayo were received and conducted to their stations and places. There being a constitutional number of lodges represented, Grand Master David R. Cash opened the Grand Lodge in ample form.

Recognition of DDGMs and DDGLs and Distinguished Guests

Grand Marshal Mayo 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 Cash welcomed them and they were accorded private grand honors by the Masons present.

Grand Lodge Officers Present

David R. Cash............................................................. Grand Master
Dan C. Rice.........................................................Deputy Grand Master
William L. Dill....................................................Senior Grand Warden
Lewis R. Ledford ................................................Junior Grand Warden
T. Walton Clapp III...........................................Grand Secretary
Robert E. Gresham Jr. .................................Senior Grand Deacon
Dewey R. Preslar Jr. .......................................Junior Grand Deacon
Dalton W. Mayo..................................................Grand Marshal
Douglas L. Caudle............................................Grand Steward
David R. Cash Jr. .............................................Grand Tyler
Christopher A. Fitzgerald................................Grand Chaplain
Michael W. Brantley ..................................Grand Historian
J. Henry Brantley............................................Grand Lecturer
Graham W. Pervier ...........................................Grand Orator
Jimmie B. Hicks Jr...........................................Judge Advocate

Past Grand Masters Present

Leslie Holland Garner ............................................1976
Norburn C. Hyatt ................................................1985
Walter Franklin McCall .......................................1986
Lester Poindexter Martin Jr. ................................1991
William B. Brunk ................................................1994
Richard Groves Moore .......................................1993
Gerry Theodore Smith .........................................1997
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Thomas Warren Gregory ................................................................. 1998
William Graham Mathis ............................................................... 2001
Jerry Reginald Tillett ................................................................. 2002
Charles Albert Lewis Jr .............................................................. 2003
Leonard Yearby Safrit Jr ............................................................. 2004
Graham W. Pervier ....................................................................... 2005
Eugene Tart Jernigan .................................................................... 2006
W. Berry Rigdon ........................................................................ 2007

Committee Members Present

George Glenn Adams ......................................................... William Robert Adams
Donald Alton Bennett ....................................................... John David Cashion
Arnold Gene Cobb Jr .......................................................... Randy Colen Crainshaw
Robert John Dowen ............................................................ Thomas Van Fahnestock Jr.
Edward Augusta Gaskins Jr ............................................... Ronald Dane Graves
Carl Ray Hall ........................................................................ Charles Speed Hallman
Oscar Wilson Harbin Jr ....................................................... Danial Myrl Hogue Jr.
James Richard Holshouser .................................................. Joseph Burton Howard
William Russell Howell ....................................................... William Thomas Hutchins Jr.
Albert Martin Jones ............................................................. Howard Kahn
Wayne Roger Lambertson .................................................. Samuel Eugene Lee II
Millie Gene Lewellyn ............................................................ Joseph Patrick Link
Dewey Ralph Preslar Jr .......................................................... Ralph Phillips Presley
Keith Bradley Rash ............................................................... Charles Vernon Rouse Jr.
Charles Eugene Scott ............................................................ Dwight MacLauchlin Sigmon
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## 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 Robert Junius Snipes Jr.
- SW C. Olen Smith Jr.†
- JW Robert Junius Snipes Jr.†

### 2 Royal White Hart
- M Arnold Gene Cobb†
- SW Arnold Gene Cobb†
- JW Arnold Gene Cobb†

### 3 St. John’s
- M Steven Craig Walston
- SW Dale D. Davis†
- JW Charles David Creech

### 4 St. John’s
- M Gerald Douglas Harrison
- SW Warren M Tyndall Jr
- JW Giles Linwood Stroud

### 5 Charity
- M William Francis Pugh
- SW
- JW

### 7 Unanimity
- M Gladston Vaughan McDaniel
- SW James D. Carr†
- JW Mitchell L. Spruill†

### 8 Phoenix
- M Gerald Manning Williams
- SW Gaylord Leroy Boitnott
- JW Fred Lester Burr

### 9 Unanimity
- M
- SW
- JW

### 10 Johnston Caswell
- M Danny Lee Short Jr.
- SW Billy Jarrell†
- JW Danny Lee Short Jr.†

### 11 Caswell Brotherhood
- M Wilbur Thomas Harrelson
- SW Wilbur Thomas Harrelson†
- JW Rodney Orr†

### 12 John’s
- M Raymond Turner Jr.†
- SW William James Knowles Jr.
- JW Raymond Turner Jr.†

### 13 St. John’s
- M
- SW
- JW

### 14 American George
- M Randy Whitley†
- SW Randy Whitley†
- JW Randy Whitley†

### 15 Eagle
- M Jimmy Darren Womble
- SW Jimmy Darren Womble†
- JW Rory Dale Swiggett
27 Statesville
M  Adrian Joseph Bustle
SW  Benjamin C. Stikeleather
JW  Ronald Kevin Combs

31 Phalanx
M  Joseph Ralph Linn Jr.
SW  Juergen Peter Schuetz
JW  Michael Stephen Hamrick

32 Stokes
M  Harry William Blume
SW  Mark Sherill†
JW  Bobby Puckett†

39 Davie
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SW  Carroll Merton Britt
JW  Carroll Delano Young

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M  Kenneth Lee McDilda
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53 Hall
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SW  Stephen L Cardwell
JW  Stephen L. Cardwell†

76 Greensboro
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81 Zion
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JW  Bobby Lynn Meadows†

83 Lafayette
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SW  Michael Furry Powell†
JW  Michael Anthony Luna

84 Fellowship
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JW  James Ernest Thornton Jr.

85 Morning Star
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90 Skewarkee
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Address of the Grand Orator

Grand Master David R. Cash presented Past Grand Master and Grand Orator Graham W. Pervier who delivered the following address:

Before I go any further, I would like you to take a look at your Masonic ring. And I said help me out here. If you’re not wearing a Masonic ring, pretend that you are and take a look at it, and just remind yourself of what that letter G means to you. Perhaps think back to the time in your lodge when you were first asked, “In whom do you put your trust?” And remember who is the great architect of the universe. Remember to square your actions by the square of virtue, and to use the compasses to circumscribe and keep yourself within due bounds with all mankind and, more especially, the brethren in Masonry. Just take a look at that ring.

I was very pleased when Grand Master Cash asked me to be grand orator this year. In fact, I may have been a little too pleased with myself. I was talking to some brothers before a Masonic function, and I mentioned, perhaps a little too proudly, that I was going to be grand orator in 2008. Most of the fellows who were standing around made suitable expressions of congratulation, and they at least tried to act impressed – all except Brother A. B.

Brother A. B. said, “I hope you’re not going to use the same things you said over and over again all year long while you were grand master. That got a little bit tiresome.” He said, “Besides that, that grand master’s a really good talker. You’re not going to seem like much of a speaker next to him.”

I thought, “Well, you know, thanks, Brother A. B. for your encouragement.”

But, the truth is he had caught me out, because I really was already planning to use some warmed-over from 2005 for these remarks. And I began to fret just a little bit about what a pain in the butt it was going to be to have to come up with some new material. But, then I had an inspiration. I said, “Wait a minute. Most of these men were not officers in 2005. So they haven’t heard this stuff before. And a couple of the people who did hear it over and over again are men who are a little slow on the uptake, and it actually might be good for them to hear it again.” Ric Carter and Walt Clapp came immediately to mind. But, there may be others who will benefit from hearing some of this material again.

I want to talk to you this morning about membership. I’ll say some things which I confess I have said before, and perhaps some new thoughts that have been recently on my mind. Our total membership numbers, as you know, have been falling for
about 25 years, since 1983. We’ve got some lodges where the members kind of stand anxiously in the door and look at the parking lot and hope enough folks will show up so that they can open. We’ve got a number of lodges that can’t do degree work without some help. Fortunately, they get it. Some lodges have found it necessary to merge, and others are talking about merger. Of course, financial difficulties go along with declining membership. It gets hard to pay the light bill and maintain our buildings when membership goes down.

At the same time that the real numbers are declining, the population of our state has increased dramatically. In 1983, the population of North Carolina was about 6,000,000. Now it’s something over 9,000,000, a 50 percent increase, so we now represent a much smaller percentage of the total number of eligible men. We’ve added to that statistical problem a little bit by lowering the age of eligibility from 21 to 18. So, in fact, we now represent an even smaller percentage of the eligible men.

Just the same, I’ve never found that our membership situation was as discouraging as it might seem at first look. I don’t think that we’ve lost relevance. Friendship and morality and brotherly love don’t lose relevance. I don’t think we have any kind of fatal flaw. In fact, if you look at a little statistical history, our grand lodge, and almost every other grand jurisdiction, had a huge surge in membership in the decade after World War II, between 1945 and 1955. There was a great sense of community that developed in our country during those postwar years, because men who had never been further away than the county seat had traveled all over the country and all over the world. They were introduced to new people and new places and new ideas, for many of them, including Freemasonry. When the war was over, they had an energetic sense of community and an almost urgent need to work together in groups at home, as they had worked together in the military or in the defense industries. Freemasonry in North Carolina certainly benefited from that new energy. We had a huge surge of membership during that decade, 1945-1955. Many of our lodges were created during that period, as the existing lodges just had too many members, became cumbersome, and new lodges were created. It was an exciting time for our communities and an exciting time for Freemasonry and a period of growth that we are not likely to see again.

About 1983, we began to lose the men from that greatest generation in substantial numbers. The youngest of our World War II veterans are now about 80 years old. We’re going to miss the men from that greatest generation. It does help, I think a little bit though, to understand that our losses over the past 24 years are due to that circumstance of that extraordinarily large cohort that joined the fraternity in the years 1945 to 1955. That’s a loss that we probably will never make up with that kind of surge again.

Another problem has been the decline in civic participation in our country. Beginning about 1960, there has been a terrible decline in civic participation in all aspects of life in the United States. It’s well-documented. People don’t vote. We make it awfully easy for them to vote, and they still don’t go out and vote, and they don’t participate in elections. They may send a check. Very few of them actually get out and work in elections. Church attendance is down all across the country, except among the evangelicals. Now, we’re sort of in a Bible belt here, and we’re all men of faith, and you may not notice that, but statistically, church attendance is way down. Interestingly, people lie to interviewers because they’re embarrassed to say they don’t go to church, so we think they’re probably even down further than the statistics show. It doesn’t seem to me that that would be a very good thing to lie about, but apparently people do. It might be forgiving something else.

Newspaper readership is down, because people would rather get sound bites on TV than take the time to read a thoughtful analysis or explore different points of view. Membership in civic clubs and professional associations is declining. I’m a member here of the Exchange Club in Winston-Salem. We have about 22 turn out, when we used to have 50 or 60 turn out all the time. I’ll bet some of you have experienced that
in civic clubs that you’re a part of. The largest membership that the Parent Teachers Association ever had was 48 years ago, in 1960. There are some organizations that are larger, but not proportionately. For example, the American Institute of Architects has more members than ever before, but they represent a smaller percentage of the total number of architects than ever before. So sometimes there’s growth that really isn’t growth.

We’re quick to blame this decline in civic participation, I think, on the turmoil of the ’sixties and the changes in our culture during that time, but there are other factors as well. Interestingly, one of the biggest problems is commuting. People don’t work in the same community where they live any more, and people often commute 30 or 45 minutes or an hour or more to work. Folks that have kind of trip from home to work and from work back to home are just less inclined to go back out in the evening and get involved in civic affairs. That has extended their day.

Another problem, and one that just drives me crazy, is television watching. The amount of time that the average American spends watching television, brethren, is obscene. Three and four hours a day is the average. People get up in the morning, they turn their TV on, and they have it chattering all day long until they go to bed. Most of you guys remember when TV watching used to be a family affair. Maybe you got your first TV in the family, one of those Zeniths with the round screen, and everybody gathered around to watch. Now everybody in the family has got a television in their own room, and they go off to their own room and watch different programs. And just in case, to make sure they don’t miss anything, there’s a TV in the kitchen and one in the car for the kids. Or maybe they have it in the front so they can watch while they’re driving and texting and cell-phoning at the same time. But, the TV watching is just incredible. I had a friend, the week before last, he just watched the weather channel. All week long, he checked in to see where Hurricane Ike was. I said, “Ed, the thing’s not coming here. You know, we’ve known for five days that it wasn’t coming anywhere close.” But, he just had to check on it. Every day he would watch the weather channel. I’m sure the advertisers on the weather channel appreciated it.

Now, I enjoy sports and watch programs on TV occasionally. But, frankly, I think American Idol and Survivor are signs of the end of a great republic. I don’t like MSNBC and their ilk much either, because what happens to us is every day we are inundated with these problems around the world. The catastrophes, the natural disasters, the wars, the missing children, the train accidents. And we just get numb with the way we’re bombarded with this stuff. So our reaction is, right at home, we don’t do anything about anything. We just numbly watch it go on all day long. If you can’t find the time to do the things you want to do or need to do, turn off your TV.

I don’t actually think Freemasonry was harmed by this decline in civic participation, at least not initially, because that decline began in 1960, and our numbers didn’t start to go down until about 1983. But, I do think that it’s catching up with us, and it’s a drag on us as we try to improve our membership.

We’ve got some bright spots in membership. The number of petitions has picked up. We were told yesterday that we are 100 ahead this year from where we were same date last year, and we’ve been improving for each of the last three or four years. We have a lot of active lodges. For every lodge that is really struggling, we’ve got active lodges that have got degree work going on, projects in their communities, and they’re involving their family and friends in showing the face of Masonry to the world. So I’m encouraged by that kind of activity. And we’ve had some interesting publicity with National Treasure and The Da Vinci Code and other movies that have sparked folks’ interest in Masonry.

I think we know what to do about membership. Just like the Nike commercial, you’ve got to just do it. I think there are three keys. First, we need to retain the people that we have. It’s awfully sad to me that we have members that nobody has seen for a couple of years, and the first communication that he has from the lodge is an NPD
notice from the secretary. Now, that's just not the way it ought to work. We need to stay in touch with our members. Now, I like websites; I like newsletters. But there's no substitute for a phone call and, better yet, there's no substitute for going out and seeing the man. That human contact, you all know how important that is. To look him in the eye and call him by his name and say that he's missed and get him back involved. Maybe he used to do something in the lodge. He used to give one of the charges or have a part in one of the degrees. Ask him to come back and do that. Now, give him enough time; give him enough notice. And he'll appreciate that.

In 2005, Spencer asked me if I would be King Solomon in the second section, and I hadn't done that in a long time. I protested, but I was really kind of pleased to have been asked. I had plenty of time to get ready. And my grand tyler is a certified lecturer, so as we rode around, I got ready, and was really pleased to have been asked and to do it. I don't know if I made any mistakes or not, because, of course, nobody would tell a grand master that he made a mistake, but I think I did alright. Men are pleased to be asked to come out and get involved again. You have to be persistent; you have to stay with them. You get them re-engaged a couple of times; they may slip off again. And you just have to go back after them. I just don't think we need to have the number of demits and NPDs that we do.

Second, we need to finish the candidates that we start. You know, that statistic was up to about 21 percent of men who were initiated who never went on to become Master Masons. Fortunately, we've improved. We understand now that number is about 16 or 17 percent. By my reckoning, that's still too high. My feeling about that is that we expect too much of our coaches. Now, lately, we've come to appreciate our coaches, tried to show our appreciation a little better perhaps than we used to. But, the coach shouldn't be the only one who's responsible for the new entered apprentice or for a fellow craft. Somebody else can be sure that he gets to Ladies' Night or Past Masters' Night. Somebody else can be sure that he gets involved in one of the lodge's projects. It just isn't, shouldn't be, the coaches' responsibility from start to finish. So let's help our coaches out with that.

Finally, of course, is just the matter of adding new members. All of us know men who would make a good Mason – a son, nephew, maybe your dad, a colleague at work, a friend from the golf course, somebody that you belong to a civic club with. You know he'd be a good Mason. He may have even kind of made some little inquiries around the edges, and you just didn't follow up with him, just didn't get the hook in him when you saw that there was some interest. I think one of the problems, one of the most serious problems, is that we are scared to death that if we talk to a man about Masonry, we might disclose something that is secret. Brethren, in this internet age, that's a little silly.

Next time you're at your computer, and even some of us old guys have got them and know how to use them, next time you're at your computer, Google the words Masonic Ritual. Several responses that come up will be to **, which many of you are familiar with. ** was published in the 1870s. It's the basis for the modern ritual in most of the grand jurisdictions in North America, and it differs very little from the modern North Carolina ritual. Except that in **, all of the spoken parts, all of the floor work, are written out in plain English. There are diagrams to show the movements, and there are illustrations that show in detail the grips and the tokens and all of the words and passes, and the word is spelled out in capital letters and three syllables right in the middle of the page at the appropriate time, along with an illustration to the five points of fellowship. Brethren, anybody Googles the words Masonic Ritual can get to **. Now, I don't go around telling people who are not Masons this. And when this is published in the bulletin, I want two stars there; I don't want to put the words ** in there. But, this information is easy to find. We keep it a secret because we took solemn obligations to keep it a secret and, more important, because we know that a person cannot fully appreciate what goes on until they have been the candidate themselves, until they've been there in the lodge room and done it. We don't think that ought to be shared, except with someone who has been through it, as we and others have been through it. But,
please, the grand master will write an order and heal you if you mistakenly divulge some secret information while you're talking to a good guy about Masonry. Can we count on that, sir? Thank you, thank you. I just think we've lost many an opportunity because we've been afraid of disclosing a secret.

Another problem I think is that a lot of us simply don't know how to answer the question, “What are the Masons? What do Masons do?” You know, you're talking to a man and he says, “Well, I see you're a Mason.” “Yes, I am.” “You seem to really enjoy your Freemasonry.” “I sure do.” He says, “Well, tell me a little bit about it.” We go, “Mmm. Uh, I don't think so. mumble, mumble mumble…” You know. We might disclose something secret. We're awkward about it, and we try to tell them about the atmosphere in the lodge, about the friendships, about our community projects, and about our charities, how we enjoy each other's company.

Now, our community projects and our charities are important. They bring us closer together to see who can best work and best agree. We sometimes, and should, involve our families. That helps to strip away some of the mystery for them about the men that we go off to be with a couple of nights a month. And the community, especially the other men in the community, see what kind of men we are – by our amiable, discrete, and virtuous conduct. They will convince mankind of the importance of our institution.

We have fun. We do these things. We do these things because we’re Masons, but they don’t define us. They are not what we are about. We are not another civic club. We’re not another social organization. It’s not our purpose to sponsor a better soccer team than the Optimists. We’re not about keeping a stretch of highway cleaner than the Rotary Club can. We’re fearfully committed to widows and orphans, but we’re not the only ones who run nurturing children’s homes and pleasant retirement communities. Ours is a more noble and glorious purpose. When you're asked a difficult question, “What are the Masons? What do Masons do?” tell them, as you yourself were first instructed, “Freemasonry is a system of morality. A system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.”

A system of morality – now, that’s big; that’s serious business. If you find that explanation awkward to say to another guy that you’ve known for a long time, played golf with for a long time when he asked you about the Masons, you don’t tell him we pick up the trash on the highway. You tell him Freemasonry is a system of morality. If you’re not able to do that, kind of re-gear yourself until you can. Tell him that we require that a man believe in God. Tell him that our rituals, our regular opening and closing and our degrees teach and regularly and constantly reinforce a set of values around friendship and morality and brotherly love, that our symbols adopted from Craft Masonry are constant reminders of these moral lessons and precepts. Now, if he’s uncomfortable with that explanation, he may not yet be prepared in his heart or, worse yet, he may not be worthy and well-qualified.

Now, I'm a traditionalist. Your grand master said we need to change a few light bulbs in our Masonic house. Well, I was thinking maybe we ought to be going back to whale oil lamps. I always thought they were nice. I'm a traditionalist about this stuff. I believe that Freemasonry is a very personal thing. It’s about one-on-one relationships. You became a Mason because your father or your uncle or your brother or a friend that you admired, probably more than one man that you admired, had certain qualities. You noticed that they were Masons, and you thought maybe some of these qualities had come to them through Freemasonry, and you wanted to be a part of that. It was a one-on-one thing. You may have prepared in your heart some time before. Now, I'm not adamantly opposed to newspaper ads or TV spots or CDs or membership campaign gimmicks, but we show what Masonry is about by the kind of men that we are. We live the moral lessons of Freemasonry in the way we interrelate to other people.

I'm not willing to reinvent Masonry so that it can appeal to the popular culture. Friendship, morality, brotherly love are timeless values that transcend the popular
culture. I love the book *How the Irish Saved Civilization*. It tells the story of how, after
the Vandals and the Visigoths overran the Roman Empire and the Dark Ages settled
in for 1500 years, that learning and scholarship were kept alive by the Irish monks,
sequestered away. If Freemasonry has to be kept alive by a handful of us for 100 years,
or 200 years, then, brethren, that’s fine with me. Because I don’t want to see it become
something other than what it is, a system of morality.

Our lodges are a sacred retreat of friendship and virtue. The author Philip Gerard
said, “We Southern boys are joiners. Once a month, we like to get together with a bunch
of fellows that agree with everything we say.” Well that doesn’t always happen. We get
a little dissension from time to time. But, I think you can explain that kind of fellowship
to a man. You certainly don’t have to apologize that Masonry is for men only. There are
times when men’s lives are enriched by the company of other men, and there are times
when women’s lives are enriched by the company of other women. My wife, as you have
heard, is a quilter. When I come to the house and she’s got three or four quiet people
in the room, you know, you can hear the chatter. But, when I walk in, everything goes
quiet, and they smile, and they speak to me. Then when I leave the room, I can hear it
start up again. Brethren, those quilters have some secret signs and tokens and some
ritual that they just don’t share with us. But, I make no apology for the fact that this is
an organization for men only.

Now, we keep politics, partisan politics, and religion out of the Masonic lodge. We
require indeed that a man believe in God. I would say that, in North Carolina, we have
kind of a decidedly Southern Baptist – well, this year it’s United Methodist flavor – to
our rituals, but we are certainly not a religion. We keep politics and religion out. Now,
for 19 years, I was the county manger here in Forsyth County, and that stricture didn’t
seem to keep people from griping to me about property taxes, but maybe property taxes
are not partisan politics. Anyway, I was glad to talk with them.

And you can tell the guy, “Of course, we’re not a secret. Our buildings are
identified. We all identify ourselves.” Not just rings; you know, some of our brothers
have got more jewelry than a field marshal in the Soviet Army. We don’t keep it a secret.
But, the sacred retreat is very special to us, and sometimes I think there’s almost an
insidious temptation to keep it for ourselves. It is so great, so wonderful, that we’re a
little hesitant to share it with anybody else. Now, we ought to be careful about whom
we share it with, but we don’t want to be too careful. We don’t want to turn away a
good man. I really think sometimes that happens in the sad situations that you have all
heard of when some old guy just starts blackballing everybody who comes along. Now,
that’s not right. I think we’re talking about ways to possibly fix that. But, sometimes I
think in his heart that old brother is just trying to save something that’s so precious to
him doesn’t want to see anything changed. Sometimes issues intrude on that secret
retreat of friendship and virtue that seem like issues of the world. If they are, if they’re
politics or religion, they don’t belong there. If they’re Masonic issues, even if they are
difficult Masonic issues, then we need to deal with them forthrightly and be what we
say we are. What a wonderful sanctuary that lodge is.

Then we have to mix again with the world, with all its concerns and employments. But,
hopefully, we’re better prepared, because Freemasonry has given us a consistent framework
of principles to deal with those cares of the world that can guide all of our personal, business, and family
relationships. We are ready to be diligent, to give important things the attention and the care that
they require. To be prudent, to be circumspect in our action, judicious, careful, and reasonable. To be
temperate, to keep ourselves within limits and not excessive or extreme in any way. To be discrete,
that is to use good judgment in our conduct and our speech. Freemasonry, a system of morality. What
a wonderful thing to possess. What a wonderful tool to have in our times. And best of all, for only a
slight additional charge, you get a convenient, easy to carry and use instruction manual that you can
always have with you. Look at your ring.

Respectfully,
Graham W. Pervier, 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 2008 is substituted in this Proceedings for the Interim Report given at the Annual Communication.

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

Total Funds available 01/01/2008 $ 1,016,043.86
(General Funds & Special Funds)

Total Receipts YTD 787,764.64
Total Disbursements YTD (693,415.08)
$ 94,349.56

Total Funds To Be Accounted For $ 1,110,393.42

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Total Money Markets & CDs Deposit $ 1,110,393.42

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Total Special Funds $ 587,356.91 647,451.73

Total General Funds Available 462,941.69

Total of All Funds $ 1,110,393.42
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina

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, 2008, including expenditures for the year and a suggested budget for the calendar year 2009.

For the historical record, the Grand Secretary’s Final Report for 2008 and the adopted Budget for 2009 are substituted in this Proceedings.

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## Annual Communication

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## North Carolina Mason

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910-00  Development Program

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**Total Expense (Series 800–910)** 664,024 661,096 689,019

**Membership Statistics**

- Initiated: ............................................................ 1,541
- Passed: .............................................................. 1,214
- Raised: .............................................................. 1,154
- Admitted: ............................................................ 385
- Restored: ............................................................ 347
- **Total Gains**: .................................................. 1,886

- Expelled: ............................................................. 3
- Excluded: ........................................................... 978
- Suspended: ........................................................... 1
- Demitted: ............................................................ 383
- Died: ................................................................. 1,225
- **Total Losses**: .................................................. 2,590

- Membership 12/31/2006: ......................................... 47,078
- Membership 12/31/2007: ......................................... 46,374
- **Net loss**: ...................................................... 995

**Service Awards for 2006**

- Service Awards (25-year) presented: .......................... 888
- Veteran’s Emblems (50-Year) presented: ....................... 468
- Diamond Jubilee Awards (60-Year) presented: ............... 224
- 75-Year Awards presented: ...................................... 0

- Number of lodges 1/1/2006: ..................................... 377

Respectfully submitted,
T. Walton Clapp III, Grand Secretary
Report of the Grand Historian

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The three degree system of Blue Lodge Freemasonry as practiced by lodges in North Carolina did not spring full blown as Athena from the head of Zeus. Rather these degrees evolved from the 17th century, when speculative Masonry began to displace the operative system, until finally developed in the latter half of the 18th century. In 1717, when the Grand Lodge of England was formed, there were only two degrees worked in speculative lodges, the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft and these only in a nascent form. Actually this makes sense. In medieval operative masonry, workers progressed from learners (apprentices) to skilled laborers (craftsmen) where they received wages. There were, in all probability, signs and words connected with these divisions of the medieval lodge but the master, who owned and managed the lodge and who had demonstrated his skill by creating a “masterpiece,” was alone at the top.

It soon became desirable, in speculative Masonry under the Grand Lodge of England, that all craftsmen could and should aspire to be masters of the craft although only one, the worshipful master, could govern the lodge at any one time. The first known working of a Master Mason’s degree was in 1725, but its contents were not known until 1730 and then, ironically, in an exposé, Masonry Dissected, by Samuel Prichard. In this pamphlet we have, for the first time, all three degrees laid out for us although in catechism form. Here in the Master’s degree we find the Hiramic legend as developed for Freemasonry. The Master architect sent to King Solomon by the King of Tyre, the building of the first Temple, the desirous craftsmen and the three who persisted, the murder, the raising and the sprig of Acacia. The only element missing in Prichard’s account was the capture and punishment of the malefactors. This doesn’t occur, as part of the story, until sometime later, in 1760 and again, ironically, in another exposé, the anonymous Three Distinct Knocks.

Thomas Parramore in his Launching The Craft, gives the date of 1754 for the founding of the colony of North Carolina’s first Masonic lodge, that of St. John’s of Wilmington. Given that date, it is safe to assume that the three degree system was worked, in one form or another, in the colony from the beginning. Certainly by the founding of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in 1787, the three degrees, basically as we know them today, were a part of the ritual.

One final note. It is evident that exposés have played a large part in the history of our fraternity. Without them, a large part of the fraternity’s early workings would be lost. Rather than despise these attempts at exposing the secrets of the craft, we should be thankful for them.

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:

Your Grand Lodge office building just turned 50!

Your Committee on Permanent Building is continually looking at the building, its appearance, and function, and keeping it in excellent shape.

Since our last report, we have had all the asphalt areas of the driveway protected from the elements with a topcoat. A small section of the curbing that has deteriorated with age has been replaced.
Our sign was destroyed by an automobile accident. Since the sign was out of compliance with city ordinance (it was previously grandfathered), a new design had to be approved. We expect a new sign to be now in place by the time you read this. The sign is designed to appear from the ground as a rough ashlar and become a perfect ashlar with the name of the Grand Lodge etched on the stone.

We continue to benefit from the HVAC system that was installed. As the price on energy has increased, we feel the new system will pay for itself in less than ten years. This system has improved the quality of the workspace and is contributing to the continued savings on our energy costs.

Our next goal with our historic building, once named one of Raleigh’s 50 most outstanding buildings, is to restore the glass of its original design. At its birth, our building was a jewel of stone and glass. At a later time, much of the glass, and the beauty of the building, was removed. It is time to restore our home.

Not only should the glass at the back of the building be replaced, but the other glass in the building, a large portion of it composition, must be replaced with double-pane, energy efficient glass to complete the energy efficiency improvements of our recent heating and air conditioning system. We believe that this is another project that will pay for itself in a few years. We hope that you will see a special drive soon to help move our headquarters into modern efficiency.

Your grand lodge building is a shining example for lodges that an old building can be in good repair, modern, and efficient. We continue in the annual budget to build a nest egg for maintaining our facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Miller Jr., 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:

- An application from Maiden Lodge No. 592 to borrow money was abandoned or withdrawn by the lodge
- An application from Franklin Lodge No. 109 to build a new lodge is pending. Additional information has been requested.
- An application from Oxford No. 122 to borrow money is pending. Additional information has been requested.
- The new building of Steele Creek Lodge No. 737 was completed and dedicated by the grand master.

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
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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 have been received from four 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 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 Croatia

The lodges in Croatia were chartered by the Grand Lodge of Austria which became the founding lodges for the Grand Lodge of Croatia. The Grand Lodge of Austria chartered the Grand Lodge of Croatia on November 7, 1997. It is the recommendation of this committee to approve recognition of this grand lodge.

The delegates granted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Croatia.

Grand Lodge of Moldova

The Grand Lodge of Moldova was established by the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy on October 15, 1999. As this grand lodge was created by a group that is considered irregular by most grand lodges of the world, the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America declare that the Grand Lodge of Moldova does not meet the standards for recognition at this time. As there has not been any additional information submitted, it is the recommendation of this committee to deny recognition of this grand lodge.

The delegates denied recognition to the Grand Lodge of Moldova.

Gran Logia “del Estado de Guanajuato”

We have received a request for recognition from the Gran Logia “del Estado de Guanajuato” of the United Confederated State Grand Lodges of Mexico in the State of Guanajuato, Mexico. It is the recommendation of this committee to approve recognition of this grand lodge.

The delegates granted recognition to Gran Logia “del Estado de Guanajuato.”

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 Appeals.
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.

Following is their balance sheet as of December 31, 2008.

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Checking/Savings

100-00 · Checking - First Citizens Bank (Checking Account)  
100-00 · Checking - First Citizens Bank (Checking Account)  
100-01 · Savings - Fidelity Bank-WJSF  
100-08 · Checking - First Citizens- (Spring Garden)  
101-00 · CD's (Certificate of Deposit)  
101-01 · Fidelity Bank - WJSF  
Total 101-00 · CD's (Certificate of Deposit)  

Total Checking/Savings  

Accounts Receivable

111-01 · Accounts Receivable  
111-02 · MESH (Loan To Mesh To Pay Off Mortg)  
111-01 · Accounts Receivable - Other  
Total 111-01 · Accounts Receivable  

Total Accounts Receivable  

Other Current Assets

110-03 · Accrued Interest (MESH)  
120-00 · Marketable Securities  
120-07 · Masonic Foundation-Equity Fund  
120-08 · Unity Scholarship-Equity Fund  
120-09 · Unity Scholarship-Income Fund  
120-10 · Pugh Scholarship  
Total 120-00 · Marketable Securities  

Total Other Current Assets  

Total Current Assets  

10,729,040.00

Fixed Assets

130-00 · Spring Garden-Coapman Land  
130-01 · Church-3304 Spring Garden  
130-02 · Mechanical Air-3310-3312 Spring  
130-03 · Shine Tire-3418 Spring Garden  
130-04 · 3303-3305 Brevard Street  
Total 130-00 · Spring Garden-Coapman Land  

140-00 · Spring Garden-Coapman Bldg  
140-01 · Church-3304 Spring Garden  
140-02 · Mechanical Air-3310-3312 Spring  
140-03 · Shine Tire-3418 Spring Garden  
140-04 · Accumulated Depreciation (Accumulated Depreciation)  
Total 140-00 · Spring Garden-Coapman Bldg  

414,467.06
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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 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 ......................... 8
  - Felony Expulsions (8)
- Determined by the Trial Commission ..................... 0
- Matters Pending Trial ........................................ 5
- Matters Pending Determination ............................. 2

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 Bylaws of Subordinate Lodges reports that amendments to the bylaws of the following lodges were approved during the year 2007—2008. They are listed in lodge order.

Liberty 45
   Article 10 — dues increased to $75

Perseverance 59
   Article. 9 — initiation fee increased to $100
   Article. 10 — dues increased to $110 plus the per capita tax

Kilwinning 64
   Article 10 — dues increased to $75

Western Star 91
   Article. 8 — change meeting night to first Tuesday
   Article. 9 — initiation fee increased to $150

Joseph Warren 92
   Article. 10 — dues increased to $85 plus the per capita tax

Hiram 98
   Article 9 — initiation fee increased to $125
   Article 10 — dues increased to $100
   Article 11 — affiliation fee increased to $25
   Complete bylaws revision

Wayne 112
   Complete bylaws revision

Holly Springs 115
   Complete bylaws revision

Blackmer 127
   Article. 10 — dues increased to $100 plus the per capita tax

Blackmer 170
   Article. 9 — initiation fee increased to $150
   Article. 10 — dues increased to $50 plus the per capita tax
   Article. 11 — affiliation fee increased to $25

Balfour 188
   Article 10 — dues increased to $50

Fair Bluff 190
   Article. 10 — dues increased to $75 plus the per capita tax

Cary 198
   Article 13 — increased Charity Committee cap to $200

Cleveland 202
   Article. 8 — change meeting nights to third Thursday
Lebanon 207
  Article 5 — change date
  Article 6 — change date
  Article 9 — initiation fee increased to $125
  Article 13 — increased Charity Committee cap to $125
Mount Olive 208
  Article 8 — change meeting time to 7:00 p.m.
William G. Hill 218
  Article 10 — dues increased to $75
Excelsior 261
  Article 8 — change meeting time to 7:00 p.m.
Green Level 277
  Article 10 — dues increased to $55 plus the per capita tax
Harmony 340
  Article 10 — dues increased to $125
Hickory 343
  Article 10 — dues increased to $60 plus the per capita tax
East LaPorte 358
  Article 8 — dispensing with communications on holidays and summer months
  Article 10 — dues increased to $35 plus the per capita tax
  Article 11 — increased affiliation fee to $50
  Article 14 — election of committee on Finance and Budget
Seaboard 378
  Article 10 — dues increased to $35 plus the per capita tax
  Article 13 — increased Charity Committee cap to $100
Forest City 381
  Article 10 — dues increased to $100
Lebanon 391
  Article 9 — initiation fee increased to $150
James A. Johnson 413
  Article 10 — dues increased to $40 plus the per capita tax
  Article 13 — increased Charity Committee cap to $200
  Article 19 — several changes
Marietta 444
  Article 10 — dues increased to $80
Elkin 454
  Article 10 — dues increased to $60
Matthews 461
  Article 10 — dues increased to $75 plus the per capita tax
Southern Pines 484
  Article 9 — initiation fee increased to $150
  Article 10 — dues increased to $65 plus the per capita tax
  Article 11 — affiliation fee increased to $25
Raleigh 500
  Article. 10 — dues increased to $65 plus the per capita tax
Red Springs 501
  Article. 10 — dues increased to $50 plus the per capita tax
Widow’s Son 519
  Article 10 — dues increased to $100
Maiden 592
  Article 10 — dues decreased to $75
Waccamaw 596
  Article. 8 — change meeting nights to fourth Monday
Joppa 530
  Article. 10 — dues increased to $60 plus the per capita tax
Waxhaw 562
  Article. 10 — dues increased to $100 plus the per capita tax
Stoney Point 593
  Article. 10 — dues increased to $75 plus the per capita tax
Cranberry 598
  Article 10 — dues increased to $50
Home 613
  Article 10 — dues increased to $75
Round Peak 616
  Article 9 — initiation fee increased to $125
  Article. 10 — dues increased to $50
Garland 664
  Article. 8 — change meeting nights to fourth Mondays, second Monday in November and December
Fort Bragg 667
  Article 9 — initiation fee increased to $150
  Article. 10 — dues increased to $80 effective 2009
  Article. 10 — dues increased to $85 effective 2010
  Article. 10 — dues increased to $90 effective 2011
  Article. 10 — dues increased to $95 effective 2012
  Article. 10 — dues increased to $100 effective 2013
Spindale 673
  Article 9 — initiation fee increased to $150
Washington 675
  Article. 9 — increased initiation fee to $100
  Article 10 — dues increased to $80
Creasy Proctor 675
  Article 9 — initiation fee increased to $150
  Article 10 — dues increased to $75
  Article 11 — affiliation fee increased to $50
King Solomon 704
  Article 10 — dues increased to $85
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Newport 706
   Article 8 — change meeting time to 7:00 p.m.

Troy 718
   Article 10 — dues increased to $50

West Gate 738
   Article 10 — dues increased to $60

Mint Hill 742
   Complete bylaws revision

Vandora 745
   Article 10 — dues increased to $100

Clifford Duell 756
   Article 9 — initiation fee increased to $150

Denver 757
   Article 10 — dues increased to $75

Oak Island 758
   Article 10 — dues increased to $60 plus the per capita tax

Respectfully submitted,
Richard G. Moore, PGM, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Charity

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

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

You Committee on Charity wishes to report the following disbursements for the calendar year 2007–2008:

To JT .......................................................... $ 500.00
To CH .......................................................... 2,000.00
To MESH ....................................................... 10,000.00
To MHCO ...................................................... 10,000.00
To MSA (Tornado disaster relief for Tennessee) ....... 2,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Gaskins, Chairman

Report of the Administrator of WhiteStone,
A Masonic and Eastern Star Community (MESH)

The following Report of the Administrator of WhiteStone, A Masonic and Eastern Star Community (MESH), was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of Directors of WhiteStone.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

It is my distinct pleasure to submit this report to the Grand Lodge. This past year was marked by steady improvement in WhiteStone’s operating results, while continuing to provide quality retirement living for over 270 residents.
I am pleased to report that 2007 saw significant improvements in the viability of the Home's finances. The Home continues to operate near peak capacity with our census in the Health Center averaging 96% and 94% in the Independent Living and Residential Living, with over 90% of our Independent and Residential population continuing to be fraternal. Fiscally, 2007 saw a 16% increase in annual revenue to $9,724,828 thanks to a 41% increase in Health Center revenue. Total expenses, after excluding for prior development expenses of $948,705 and bad debt expense items of $460,646 for 2007 and prior years, totaled $9,667,850, a 1.4% increase from 2006. This resulted in an adjusted operating gain of $56,978, an improvement of close to $1.1 million from 2006. Net cash from operating activities was a positive $251,346, a $584,719 improvement from 2006. For 2008, the financial goals are to continue to operate in the black and to significantly increase operating cash reserves.

As our financial situation improves, it has allowed our charitable mission at WhiteStone to remain strong and generous. WhiteStone currently serves over 270 residents, of which 76 currently require some sort of financial subsidy. In 2007 the cost of our charity was approximately $1.7 million, this over and above what the residents contribute from their monthly income. Of these 76 residents, 46 are Masonic affiliated and 30 are Eastern Star affiliated. In 2007, WhiteStone collected close to $1.4 million in contributions. We are extremely grateful for the Brethren’s continued financial support. However, this difference between what the Home provides in terms of charity (about $1.7m) and what it brings in for donations ($1.4 million) has been one of the primary reasons why WhiteStone’s financial assets have significantly depleted over the past several years. If each Mason gave an additional $7, this annual charity deficit would be eliminated. However, as a result of this short fall, until such time as the amount of contributions come into line with amount of charity provided, the Home cannot afford to take in any new residents who cannot themselves afford to pay their own way. Also note, that any existing resident that is not fraternal is not eligible for financial subsidy from the Home, and that 100% of all donations go directly to support our distressed brothers and their widows. Moving forward, the level of charity the Home continues to provide will continue to depend on the amount of donations it receives. In other words, the more donations we receive the more charity we can provide and the more brothers we can help.

While it is critical to continue to be good stewards of our dollars and maintain our mission, it is equally important to continue to improve services and amenities for our residents. This year our staff will continue to be innovative by expanding our activity programs with the addition of the “duet bike” for those wheelchair bound residents, dietary adding a to go and always available menu to provide more food choices and healthier alternatives, and health care staff adding a new state-of-the-art care tracking software to improve documentation and communication among nursing staff providing more efficient and better care to our residents. For our staff in 2008, we will be adding a scholarship program to help our student employees with education expenses, have started a “Super Star” recognition program that rewards employees for displaying exemplary customer service, and continue to make ongoing training a priority, so staff have the tools and knowledge they need to do their job well.

Moving forward, the Board of Directors in 2007 approved an estimated $25 million-plus expansion/development plan for WhiteStone. Reasons for pursuing a development expansion at this time include:

- Meet demands of the existing market by adding 75 independent living units, as we have many potential residents that would like to move to the Home, but we don’t have any units that are desirable to them.
- Stabilize WhiteStone financially with money earned from this expansion that will significantly improve WhiteStone’s bottom line, help support its charitable mission, and keep the Home operating in the black.
• Replace aging buildings that were built in the 1960s.
• Improve services and amenities for our residents with planned additions of an informal dining room, modern fitness area, new multipurpose room, and substantial renovation to library, parlor, and game room areas.

In conclusion, all of us as Brethren should be proud of the Home and the great work we continue to do to support it. On behalf of the over 270 WhiteStone residents and 180 staff, we would like to express our gratitude to all the Masons in North Carolina for your generous contributions, hard work and the support of the Masonic Foundation. Although things continue to change at a rapid pace, the one constant at WhiteStone is our Board of Directors, staff, and management’s ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life for our residents and ensuring that we continue to operate a community we can all be proud of to call “Our Home.”

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Kolada, Executive Director

Report of the Committee on WhiteStone

The following report of the Committee on WhiteStone (MESH) was received, entered on the record, and referred to the Board of Directors of WhiteStone.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

The Masonic and Eastern Star Home name was changed to WhiteStone, A Masonic and Eastern Star Community, which is named after Mr. White, first Administrator and Mr. and Mrs. Stone the first residents of the Home.

Donations: In 2007, MESH received more than $1,375,000 in donations from several Masonic and Eastern Star funding sources. This amount represents an increase of $316,000 from 2006. Blue Lodge contributions were down from $404,000 in 2006 to $372,500 in 2007. Contributions from the Grand Lodge and Masonic foundation were up from $147,000 in 2006 to $186,000 in 2007. The Masonic Foundation has also provided short-term financing support to the new development/expansion project, providing up to $4 million in seed capital that will be paid back by the project once permanent financing is secured in 2009.

Charity: In 2007, the Home provided more than $1.7 million worth of charity to more than 80 fraternal members.

New services in 2008: A new “to go and always available menu” was introduced in the main dining room. A special duet bike has been added which allows nursing home activity staff to take residents wheelchair bound. A Special Care activity person was added to enhance activity program for Alzheimer/dementia residents.

Buildings and Grounds: The chapel repainted in 2007. In 2008, we will be replacing some fencing along Holden Road. We have continued to work with the resident grounds committee to do special landscaping project.

Development update: The Board of Directors in 2007 approved an estimated $25 million expansion/development plan for WhiteStone on its existing campus. This project will be self-financed through the sale of bonds and, once at full capacity, will have an estimated manageable long term debt of $10-12 million. The plans for this expansion include tearing down the Setzer and Bass buildings, building 75 one- and two-bedroom independent living units that will range in entrance fee from $120-$200K+ and monthly fees from $2,000 a month and higher. In addition to the new units, common areas will be expanded and renovated including a new fitness area, expanded dining room, and new multipurpose room. Construction is expected to begin in early 2009 with a completion date of late 2010. WhiteStone has already taken $1,000 refundable deposits from over...
95 perspective inquiries (two thirds of which have a fraternal connection) who want to be on the waiting list.

**Annual state survey:** The survey recently completed in the Health Center, found three deficiencies. This is significantly lower than the national average of seven citations, North Carolina average of 10.5, and Life Care Services average of 6.3.

**Eastern Star Chapter:** The Home now has an Eastern Star Chapter that was instituted on May 17, 2008.

The staff at WhiteStone welcome and encourage the membership to stop by for a tour of your/our beautiful Home.

The Home will continue to do as much charity as the amount of donations will allow. This Committee certainly would encourage the blue lodges to increase their contributions to our Home.

Respectfully submitted,
Dewey R. Preslar Jr., JGD
David R. Cash Jr.
Douglas E. Osbourn
Steven M. Burton

**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:

Throughout 135 years of illustrious history, thousands of children have been provided refuge and a renewed chance in life through the programs and facilities of the children’s home established during Annual Communication in December 1872. Whether they knew it as Oxford Orphan Asylum (1872-1923), Oxford Orphanage (1923-1994), or the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (1994-present), most children who have lived here have become good citizens in communities across the country, and many have been quite successful. All Masons in North Carolina can take pride in the fact that such a successful charity was started by our Brother Masons and continues to be supported by our fraternity today.

While we can take pride in what we have achieved, we cannot rest on our laurels. Federal and State child welfare legislation and funding and child care policies and procedures for years have been designed to eliminate dependence on residential children’s homes such as MHCO, with the goal to keep children within the extended family or a foster family. Unfortunately, the number of abused and neglected children continues to grow, and the child welfare system does not have enough qualified families to care for children who need a safe place to live. The Masonic Home for Children continues to be an acceptable alternative when foster families are not available, but we must constantly review and improve our programs to ensure we follow best practices in child care. Our child care license with NC Department of Health and Human Services was extended in January 2008 for two more years. By demonstrating to families in need and child welfare agencies that we provide a safe and nurturing home for children we will be able to continue our long history of helping children in need for many years to come. It is worthwhile to note that while the focus in child welfare has been to reduce reliance on residential homes such as MHCO, we have been receiving an increased number of referrals for children who fit our model of care.

**Financial Status:** A key part of the success of MHCO has been our support base.
Although having had to rely on appropriations from the NC General Assembly in the early years to meet emergency expenses, the Home has not relied on public funds and has been blessed by a steady stream of donations from Masons, friends of Masons, and individuals who have known of and appreciated the services being provided to the children. MHCO is financially sound but is nowhere near being self-endowed. Regular donations of the Masonic lodges and individual Masons and periodic bequests through wills and trusts have enabled the Home to fund the necessary changes and campus upgrades to provide quality child care. For the past two and one-half years, income from donations and trusts has well-exceeded expenditures. In recent months the increased costs of gasoline, natural gas, and food (especially milk, bread, eggs, and fresh fruits and vegetables) has led to higher costs for child care, but we have been able to maintain the desired level of care for the children. Large donations and legacies received that are not required for current operations are invested with the NC Masonic Foundation. Our investment objectives with the Foundation are conservative enough to provide current income with some capital appreciation. The MHCO Board of Directors and the administrator insist on tight fiscal management, but in recent years additional assets have been made available to fund new programs needed to improve the care of the children. Operations constantly are being reviewed and have been streamlined to reduce expenses wherever practical.

The School of Graphic Arts has continued improvement with revenue exceeding expenses again this year and is no longer a drain on the finances of the Home. Eddie Dickerson, the shop manager, and his staff are to be commended for the turnaround in operations. Seven of our high school youth are training in the School of Graphic Arts, and each is receiving hands-on training while learning job skills and developing work ethics. With the OSHA mandates and child labor restrictions, this is the only area on campus we now can provide effective vocational training, and what we can do in this program is limited.

**Program Services:** In recent years MHCO has been able to assist many children in being reunified safely with their families. Such cases reflect the success of the Home just as much as the stories of the children who stayed here to finish their education and went on to lead successful lives. We still hear frequent complaints that our census is low compared to several years ago, with the concern that we should be caring for more children. In the past children were admitted and stayed for longer periods, with little effort being made for family reunification; today we try to help eliminate the problems that caused the children to be placed here so they can return safely with family. The more successful our reunification efforts, the lower our census will be.

The census at the time of this report is 59 (30 female and 29 male) in Direct Care and eight (five female and three male) in Independent Living, with several open applications for Direct Care. Of the 59 residents in the Direct Care Program 91.5% are in the custody of parents or relatives, 6.8% are in DSS custody, and 1.7% are 18 years old and are self-admitted. The age of the residents is gradually increasing with 6.8% under 6 years old, 35.6% ages 6-12, and 52.6% ages 13-18 years old. Twenty-six percent (26%) are minority or multiracial. This is the highest the census has been during the summer in several years. Current capacity in Direct Care is 70 (39 female and 31 male) and 18 (nine female and nine male) in Independent Living. Capacity is based on the number of homes currently ready for occupancy and the child care workers currently employed. We are almost at capacity in our homes for male residents, so we are upgrading and repairing a cottage which was previously licensed, and we are recruiting for an additional child care couple to be able to expand our capacity for more male applicants.

Referrals for admission to the Home come from individuals, families, and Masons across the State and from the Departments of Social Services in the surrounding counties. On average 20% of the residents are from Granville County, but our current residents are from 22 counties covering all sections of North Carolina, and two residents whose grandmother lived at MHCO are from Maryland.
We frequently get requests from Masons or concerned relatives to help with emergency placements of abused or neglected children. No matter how heart-wrenching the situation may be, we cannot go out and “rescue” children from an abusive or neglectful situation, and we cannot initiate any admission until we receive an application from the parent or legal custodian. Our license restricts us from admitting children without required legal documents and proper release forms from the parents/legal custodians. We can respond quickly when application requirements are met, but we must continue to insist that required procedures are followed to avoid increased liability to The Home.

**Independent Living:** There is a growing need nationwide to provide assistance to high school dropouts and youth who have aged out of foster care. Unfortunately, many who need the assistance are unwilling to remain in or return to the structured setting necessary to teach effective independent living skills. We have modified our Independent Living Program (ILP) to assist former foster care residents and high school dropouts, as well as MHCO graduates. Admissions to the modified Independent Living Program are improving slowly, but we are receiving a lot of applications from older youth who are not ready for independence and require more supervision than our program provides. If admissions continue, we will have to consider renovating an additional cottage and hiring additional staff to accommodate our rising high school seniors who are scheduled to graduate in June 2009.

**Staffing:** Currently MHCO has 54 full-time and four part-time employees, plus seasonal part-time for tutoring, lifeguards, and emergency coverage in the homes. Twenty percent of the employees, including two key supervisors, are minority. The size of the support staff has been reduced drastically since 2002. During the same period, a significant number of positions working directly with the children have been added. The top management and supervisory personnel are well qualified and are capable of assuming additional responsibilities when necessary. While employee retention of administrative, supervisory, and support staff is excellent, turnover of child care workers (CCWs) continues to be a problem, as it is throughout the child care system. Our retention rate of CCWs has been better than the national average, but this is a major concern to the Home because each change affects the children.

**Education:** One of our major challenges is to keep the children focused on their education and to help them overcome academic problems that resulted from disruptions prior to their placement here. We offer tutoring throughout the school year and have mandatory study for those who are failing. We have a number of students who do well in school, and we have a special fund to present monetary incentive awards and certificates to students who attain Honor Roll or show significant academic improvement. For our younger children we offer reading and remedial math, as needed, three days a week during the summer. Also during the summer we offer a series of age-appropriate life skills and social skills training for the children.

**Facilities:** Most of the facilities, especially those used for the children, are in excellent condition. Four of the older cottages are vacant, of which three will require significant renovation before they can be used as residences for the children. There are a number of options for the buildings, including additional space for Independent Living, overflow for new admissions, and off-duty housing for child care workers. Until there is a justified need for additional space, we will not request funds for renovation because the cost will be significant. We also must remain cognizant that there are some old facilities on campus and much of the water and drainage system is old cast iron or terracotta pipe. Periodic breaks in the lines remind us of the potential problems.

**Cobb Center at Dunn Cottage:** Renovation of Dunn Cottage, formerly known as the Baby Cottage, was funded by the Cobb Foundation primarily to provide permanent housing for the Archives and Museum. The alumni and administration have amassed an extensive collection of documents and relics covering many facets of the history
of the Home. A part-time archivist and volunteers are in the process of preserving and displaying as many items as practical. In addition to the Archives and Museum operations, the building has conference and training rooms with state-of-the-art video capability and houses the MHCO finance and financial development offices. The building was renovated and equipped at no cost to The Home by an alumnus.

The Cobb Foundation also funded the production of a one-hour documentary which covers the history of the Home through excerpts of historical documents and interviews of former residents and staff. The documentary has been produced on DVD with a companion DVD of selected interviews, and both products are available for sale. Proceeds from the documentary will go to the operations of the Archives and Museum. It is hoped that those who view the documentary will be encouraged to make a contribution to the Home to help perpetuate the programs and services that have been provided for over 135 years.

**Board of Directors:** Reorganization and expansion of the Board of Directors in 2004 has had a positive impact on the progress of the Home in recent years. The at-large positions have resulted in election of highly qualified and dedicated Board members who have expertise in child welfare, human resources, and other areas critical to the effective operations of MHCO. All the Board members have taken an active part on committees and projects and are to be commended for their dedicated and tireless service. The appointment of a chairman other than the grand master and the provision for longer periods of service by Board members has enhanced continuity of operations significantly. Brother Douglas Caudle has provided superior leadership and service as chairman of the Board of Directors.

It is always easy to find fault in any organization or operation, and it is easy to speculate how things could have been or should be. If we focus our attention on the positives, it is easy to recognize how much good the Masonic Home for Children has done for children in need and how valuable an asset the Home has been to our society. As we move forward we look at other ways we can help more children in need, but we also must consider the impact on the children currently in care. It is better that we focus on quality of care rather numbers in care. In our desire to do more for children and families in need, we must be careful that we do not adversely affect the established programs.

We thank all Brother Masons individually and the Masonic lodges collectively for the generous support provided for the children. We ask for your continued support of our programs and encourage you to recommend the Masonic Home for Children to families with children who need our help. Many of the needs today are for temporary arrangements for a few months to resolve family problems. It is just as important that we meet these temporary needs as long-term placement because many cases of child abuse and neglect occur when parents or relatives are having problems. Preventing abuse and neglect is as important as providing long-term care. We need the help of Masons in the communities to make families aware of our services. If the demands for our services grow beyond our capacity, I feel confident that our Board of Directors and we Brother Masons will find the means to meet the additional needs.

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.
To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

This report is submitted in accordance with provisions of regulation 34-18 of The Code of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. On June 30, 2008, the committee met at the Home with Allen Hughes, administrator and Chris Richardson, assistant administrator and Financial Development officer. They were very informative and gave the committee a very thorough update on the status of the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford.

As of June 30 MHCO had 59 individuals in direct care and nine individuals in independent living. This was the highest the census had been in June in several years. The current capacity in direct care is 70 (39 females and 31 males) and in independent living 18 (nine females and nine males). The home is currently upgrading and repairing Gray Cottage to expand its capacity for male applicants. Referrals for admission come from individuals, families, Masons across the State, and from the Departments of Social Services in the surrounding counties. On average 20% of the residents are from Granville County, but the current residents are from 22 counties covering all sections of North Carolina, and two residents are from Maryland. Practically all the DSS placements come from Granville County. Funding restrictions require that children in DSS custody be kept in the county of residence of the family unless a qualified foster home is not available. MHCO is often the choice in temporary custody situations because they can keep siblings, especially from larger families, together.

As of the end of June 2008, of the 59 residents in the Direct Care Program 83% are in the custody of parents or relatives, 15.3% are in DSS custody, and 1.7% are 18 years old and are self-admitted. The age of the residents is gradually increasing with 6.8% under six years old, 35.6% ages 6-12, and 52.6% ages 13-18 years old.

The financial position of MHCO is very positive with income exceeding expenses through June. Expenditures are below budget and unanticipated legacies provided a steady stream of funds during a period in which historically expenses exceeded revenues. The Masons of North Carolina have continued to support the Home and made contributions in the amount of $795,796 during 2007 and $237,447 through June 2008.

In August 2008, the annual principal payment of $400,000 is due on the bonds for the new homes. After this payment is made the remaining balance on the bonds will be $4.8 million. Near the end of July, the Home will be transferring $600,000 from its investments to fund the principal payment and to replenish the accounts to meet monthly withdrawals for interest and swap fees. This will not have a significant impact on the investment status. MHCO has a conservative investment policy and with the recent slumping Stock Market, the MHCO portfolio performance has been much better than the other portfolios managed by the North Carolina Masonic Foundation.

One of the major challenges is to keep the children focused on their education and to help them overcome academic problems that resulted from disruptions prior to their placement there. Tutoring is offered throughout the school year and has mandatory study for those who are failing. There were 11 high school students and one elementary student who failed courses and were scheduled to attend summer school. The failures notwithstanding, there were a number of students who will receive monetary incentive awards and certificates for attaining Honor Roll or significant academic improvement. For the younger children reading and remedial math is offered as needed, three days a week during the summer. A series of age-appropriate life skills and social skills training is offered for the children during the summer.

Residents of the Direct Care Program of the Home who complete high school and wish to attend community college or a 4-year college are eligible to enroll in the Independent Living Program if they have been accepted to college and agree to program requirements. MHCO continues to assist with health insurance or medical expenses not covered by Medicaid for those in this category. They may remain in the program as long as they are in good academic standing in school, have a part-time job, and maintain prescribed conduct standards. Participants are dropped from the program when they
complete their college training, when they withdraw from the program while in good standing, or when they repeatedly fail to maintain the standards established for the program.

The ILP also accepts deserving youth ages 18–21 who have aged out of foster care or who are high school dropouts and wish to continue their education. They must submit a formal application for admission, be working on their GED, or accepted to community college, have a part-time job, and satisfactorily pass a background check. They must have a current Medicaid card or have health insurance coverage in force before admission. All qualifications being satisfied, applicants must sign a contract agreeing to comply with academic, work, and conduct requirements of the program. Termination provisions are the same as for MHCO graduates.

All ILP participants are required to pay a small monthly stipend for room and board. If participants were previously in foster care in the custody of DSS and are receiving support from DSS, the DSS per diem is paid to MHCO. Graduates from the MHCO Direct Care Program pay a smaller fee and receive an allowance to help offset costs during the school year. The net expense to MHCO graduates is minimal, but the procedures are designed to give them experience in making regular housing payments.

Renovation of Dunn Cottage, formerly known as the Baby Cottage, was funded by The Cobb Foundation primarily to provide permanent housing for the Archives and Museum. In addition to the Archives and Museum operations, the building has conference and training rooms with state-of-the-art audio and video capability and houses the MHCO finance and financial development offices. The building was renovated and equipped at no cost to the Home.

The Cobb Foundation also funded the production of a one-hour documentary which covers the history of the Home through excerpts of historical documents and interviews of former residents and staff. The documentary is being produced on DVD with a companion DVD of selected interviews, and both products will be available for sale and distribution shortly. Proceeds from the documentary will go to the operations of the Archives and Museum. It is hoped that those who view the documentary will be encouraged to make a contribution to The Home to help perpetuate the programs and services that have been provided for over 135 years.

Most of the facilities are in excellent condition. Three of the older cottages (Regan, Critcher, and Masters) are vacant. There are a number of options for the buildings, including additional space for Independent Living (Regan), overflow for female admissions (Critcher), and off-duty housing for child care workers (Masters). Until there is a justified need for additional space, renovation will not be considered.

Turnover of childcare workers (CCWs) continues to be a problem, although MHCO’s retention rate has been better than the national average. Frequent turnover is prevalent throughout the childcare industry.

The Masonic Home for Children is in excellent condition and Masons across North Carolina have reason to be proud of what they are doing for the children. All brothers should endeavor to support MHCO financially as their means will allow.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert E. Gresham Jr., SGD, Chairman
William Robert Adams
James A. Rice
Harry E. Greene
William B. Safrit
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 20, 2008, and,

Resolved further, That all resolutions, motions, and reports asking for or carrying appropriations and expenditures not included in the 2009 proposed budget, shall be placed before the Grand Lodge before 4:00 P.M. on Friday September 19, 2008, and,

Resolved further, That all such matters offered after 4:00 P.M. on Friday, September 19, 2008, be carried over to the next business communication of this Grand Lodge when the 2010 budget will be considered.

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:

A major focus of the Annual Meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky in February 2008, was on the Centennial of the Memorial Association which will take place in 2010. The Conference of Grand Masters of North America will meet in Virginia that year and will participate in this historic event with the Memorial Association.

The actions of the Board at the Semi-Annual Board Meeting held at the Memorial in August are evidence that the Board is committed to insuring a viable future for the Memorial. The Board approved proceeding with several long-delayed projects including renovations for Grand Masonic Hall (formerly Assembly Hall) and exterior maintenance and repairs. The Board has renamed Assembly Hall, Grand Masonic Hall and is preparing to enclose the space, and install air conditioning and elevators. In addition, the seal of every grand lodge that contributes one dollar per member annually, will be placed around the Hall.

“American Freemasonry,” a new exhibit, compares the rough and perfect ashlars of Masonry to the lives of four American Freemasons: George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Andrew Jackson, and Harry Truman. Each of these men improved themselves as they improved their communities. Visitors will also be introduced to the tools, symbols, and allegory of Freemasonry.

The focus of the exhibit will be George Washington as the central founding figure
of our nation and as the perfect ashlar. It will also feature Benjamin Franklin from the Colonial period, Andrew Jackson from the period of western expansion, and Harry Truman from the 20th century. The final phases of the plan will be new appendant body exhibits in the upper levels of the Memorial and the creation of a comprehensive exhibit on the many appendant and affiliated bodies of Freemasonry. This exhibit will present the history, activities, charities, and contributions to American society by these organizations.

The importance of the grand lodges funding the Memorial through the one dollar per member campaign by the Association's 100th anniversary in 2010 is again stressed. One hundred years ago, the founding members had a vision: build a great memorial to forever honor the memory and legacy of George Washington. Today that vision is realized with a magnificent structure. But, they also made a commitment to support that vision by contributing one dollar per member from every jurisdiction. If they could do that 100 years ago, isn't one dollar per member, in today's dollars, trivial by comparison? Get on board. Let's "inspire humanity" and show the world that "the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the man, the Mason, and Father of our Country" will be forever preserved for all generations to come.

I recommend we continue our membership and support of the George Washington Masonic Memorial and that each lodge be encouraged by the grand master, grand secretary, and grand lodge line officers to contribute at least one dollar per member each year to the support and upkeep of the Memorial.

Respectfully submitted:
W. Berry Rigdon, 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:

The Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of North America was called to order by Chairman, William G. Roberts, Past Grand Master, Nevada at 1:12 P.M. in Louisville, Kentucky. On motion and second the Annual Reports including Executive Commission, Finance, Educational Publications, Membership, North American Relief, Foreign Relief, Necrology, and the Masonic Information Center distributed to the Grand Masters were approved.

Executive commissioners nominated and elected were G. Ray Marsh, PGM of South Carolina to represent the South Atlantic Division and Lanny R. Sander, PGM Oklahoma to represent the Central Division each for a three-year term and Frederick Sorsabal, PGM California to represent the Western Division for an unexpired two-year term.

The Masonic Information Center report included winners of the Twain Award. There were 62 lodges representing 29 grand jurisdictions completed entry forms. Of these, in December 2007, 19 lodges met the threshold for winning a Twain Award. One we are very proud of, Thomas H. Holt Lodge No. 492 in Graham, North Carolina with the leadership of Roger Thomas Jefferson, master 2007.

The Twain Award Program began in 2006 as a pilot project with the goal of stimulating interest in Masonic awareness both in the lodge and in the community and
to renew our commitment to a Masonic way of life. It also challenges lodges to heighten Masonic identity, and restore the energy of Masonry within the lodge and throughout the greater community. The first year there were 11 winners of the Twain Award. Hopefully, more lodges will contact the grand secretary’s office for details.

Two appeals were put out during 2007. The first was on May 10 by the Grand Lodge of Kansas for tornado destruction particularly in the city of Greensburg, Kansas. The second on December 12 by the Grand Lodge of Washington for hurricane force winds and other storm damage particularly along the coast. Some additional funds were also received for Alabama and Mississippi to help their recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

During 2007, the MSA sent $60,000.00 to the USO in support of Operation Phone Home, a program that provides International Phone Calling Cards to our military personnel serving overseas, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Hospital Visitation Program, which generated over 200,000, volunteer hours, continues to see Veterans in 157 Veterans Administration hospitals, 40 state veterans homes, and several military hospitals. In North Carolina we are blessed with facilities in Asheville, Salisbury, Durham, and Fayetteville. We wish to thank each of those who volunteer their services and encourage others to come forward to help.

In Masonry, service is not only an important word, but also action we each need to consider in our daily lives. We recommend the Grand Lodge of North Carolina continue membership and support of MSA; the grand master continue to visit VA Medical Centers, and encourage more lodges to participate in the Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Award program.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Berry Rigdon, PGM, Representative

Petition for Charter

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

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:

This year has passed quickly for the Committee. The several Lodge Night Programs have been well accepted. The tradition of including one act plays in the programs has been considered excellent by the lodges that have utilized them. The programs will be continued with a new program to be issued in October. We thank the lodges for their input concerning the Lodge Night Programs.

We continue to search for programs which will be of interest to the rank and file of the members and not just a few isolated individuals. Hopefully, suggestions and requests will continue to come in that the committee may study and produce.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Weatherington PM
Report of The Code Commission

The following report of The Code Commission was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Code Commission received for consideration and review in excess of 13 amendment groups, proposed by various lodges, committees, and the grand secretary. The Code Commission was also aware of certain issues not adequately addressed in The Code which invited clarification. The Code Commission met in session on Monday, March 17, 2008, at Hickory Lodge No. 343, in Hickory. Our sincere thanks to the master, wardens, and brothers of Hickory Lodge for opening their doors for our session. After considerable review, reflection, and discussion, the proposed amendment groups were edited and re-ordered into 15 amendment groups for submission for your consideration at the Annual Communication. Explanatory subtitles were created for each amendment group to summarize its overall purpose. After the Commission met in session, drafts of the revised amendment groups were circulated among the members of the Code Commission and the Jurisprudence Committee before finalizing the form. The 15 amendment groups have been presented to the Jurisprudence Committee for their review, consideration, and action. Your Code Commission chairman has attended and will attend the sessions of the Jurisprudence Committee to offer assistance in their consideration of the 15 amendment groups, to explain the rationale for the language used, and the context of each amendment group. The 15 amendment groups are printed in their entirety in these Reports, and we refer you to them for further information. If you have any question with regard to the process, the format, or any of the amendment groups, please seek out me or any of the members of the Code Commission and let us help you with your questions.

One of the duties of the Code Commission is to render service to the lodges to assist them in preparing proposed amendments to The Code. In particular, we can lend assistance in putting the proposed amendments in proper form, in pulling all relevant sections of The Code likely to be affected by the amendment, and in avoiding conflict or inconsistency between various provisions of The Code, as amended. The Code Commission would like to encourage lodges to make more use of that provision of The Code. Please let us know how we can assist you.

Fraternally submitted,
Bryant D. Webster, 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:

Fifty thousand yellow decals were printed and distributed to all lodges to encourage Masons to proclaim their affiliation on their vehicles.

Results cannot be measured, but early impressions are disappointing. Most decals appear to remain in the hands of secretaries rather than being issued to raise funds for lodges. Yet lodge parking areas tend to display many decals.

The committee continues to fill reorders.

The committee found itself unable to arrange face-to-face meetings except at annual communications, relying instead on phone and email contacts. This year a new device was begun with success. The chairman arranged to meet each committee member at his location individually. Results were positive so future personal visits are planned.
rather than continue failed attempts to bring the committee together.

Current projects include working to name the Grand Lodge headquarters building The Three Presidents Building so that one lasting NC Masonic memorial to Presidents Jackson, Johnson, and Polk can become a reality. Incising that name on the building, adding its new title to office forms as they are reordered, identifying the new title in The North Carolina Mason and news releases are among ways of making this plan happen without special funds.

The committee is now working with owners of many new Charlotte skyscrapers to name one for Brother Zebulon Vance, whose memory is fading in the state’s largest city. The model is the State of South Carolina where new memorials to the memory of Brother Strom Thurmond spring up regularly.

Three events marking the 250th birthday of Brother William Mecklenburg Polk took place in Charlotte, Chapel Hill, and Raleigh July 9, 11, and 12, 2008. Invitations have been sent and publicity generated to attract the public, Masonry, historians, educators, and state leaders to assemble at high noon each day. Famous descendants, past grand masters, and Polk-related lodges participated. It is noteworthy that Polk was literally born On the Square of Charlotte, the spot where ceremonies begin. Milbry Catherine Polk, world-famous explorer, author, photographer, and best-known descendant of William Polk and President James Polk, addressed the Charlotte assembly.

The committee intends to arrange another historic commemoration December 15, 2008, in Edenton for the anniversary of Samuel Johnston, first NC grand master.

Because trestle boards reach more NC Masons than lodge meetings, the committee has begun a program to encourage upgrading lodge publication quality with one annual trophy awarded to the lodge issuing the finest trestle board from among statewide submissions. A set of guidelines has been issued for the contest beginning in 2008.

On June 20 the Committee’s largest project to date became a reality. The new GL website, <TreasuresofNorthCarolinaMasonry.org>, went online with more than 100 articles and illustrations about NC Masonic people, places and events. Researched and written over a period of three years, it presents a broad variety of subjects told in straightforward terms that make The North Carolina Mason so popular. The committee will keep the site continually updated and expanded with fresh material. Brethren are encouraged to download the entire site as a free, permanent, personal book.

Coinciding with the celebration of the 250th birthday of PGM William Polk, the committee wrote and published a new and extensive biography of Will Polk. It includes family history, Polk’s birth and early life in Charlotte, his heroism in the American Revolution, his life in Tennessee, his Masonic life, his 44 years as an executive of the new University of North Carolina, his work and last days in Raleigh, and a eulogy written by descendant William R. Polk in Vence, France.

International relations with overseas lodges continues between the committee and descendants of Confederate Masonic families in Americana and Santa Barbara d’Oeste in Brazil. The story was first documented in an article written by the committee for The Scottish Rite Journal. A fresh story of these Masonic-generated cities, now with more than 100,000 inhabitants, is in the planning stage.

Respectfully submitted:
Walter J. Klein, Chairman
Jeffrey D. Martin
C. Ray Hall
James Edward Reddish
Gary Dean Walker
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 continues to be one of the outstanding Masonic papers in the country, reaching nearly 46,000 Masons in North Carolina along with many Masons in other jurisdictions around world.

The publication’s editor, Ric Carter, continues to craft an informative and well-designed paper of which the Grand Lodge can be well-pleased and rightly proud. The Board of Publications and Brother Carter work well together to continue improvements in quality and content. I believe that the presentation of the views and opinions of the Masons of North Carolina is fair and just. All views are treated with proper respect and representative views and opinions are printed without circumlocution or bias. Our Masons continue to send Brother Carter timely and informative photographs and articles of interest to us all. With the proliferation of easy to use and higher quality digital cameras, the member-contributed photographs are getting better and better. We ask the members to keep those photographs and newsy reports coming to inform the rest of us as they celebrate special events and activities in their respective lodges. Brethren, take extra care to provide proper identification of people, places, and events depicted in the pictures you submit to Brother Ric.

Not only does Ric Carter put together a fine paper for us, his photographs are of a very high quality and are well-conceived, executed, and always informative. In the North Carolina Press Club Communication Contest for 2008, our editor took second place in the category Editing Publication. He also won second place in the Feature Photo category. The Masons of North Carolina should be proud of the quality of his work and the sensibility of what we want to see in our paper which our editor brings to his job.

It is a special concern of your Board of Publications to continue good stewardship in keeping publication costs down. We all tackle this important part of our service to the Grand Lodge with an ever-present sense of obligation to do just that while maintaining good communication and a quality product. The content and “look” of the North Carolina Mason has improved each year, and each Brother is receiving his paper in a timely manner. Innovative methodology and excellent communication and cooperation among and between Eddie Dickerson, manager of the Print and Design Center at the School of Graphic Arts at the Masonic Home for Children, the Grand Secretary’s Office, and the Board of Publication contribute to helping us feel confident in our continuing efforts to produce an excellent paper while maximizing savings for printing and postal costs.

We wish to thank our Grand Lodge officers for their help and support. The Graphic Arts and Design Center of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford deserves our special thanks for its outstanding service to our cause.

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 which you may access through the Internet. The Board of Publication budget also supports the GL web site — see the Electronic Publication line item in the proposed budget.

Keeping all our Masons well informed regarding the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and the accomplishments and activities of our brethren around the state and the world is one of the primary goals for The North Carolina Mason. We, the Board of Publication take special pleasure in having a small part in the accomplishment of that goal.

Respectfully submitted,
John O. Newman Jr., 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:

Our Masonic youth organizations have continued on their current trends of the last few years. Each body is seeking involvement of lodges and youths to participate in their activities. 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 basic expenditures, such as insurance, would be a strain. With that, I will report on some of the highlights and challenges they have had over the last year.

A subcommittee was established in 2001 to award Grand Lodge Foundation Scholarships for our Masonic youths. Chaired by Leanne (Hicks) Keith from Wake Forest, this sub-committee reviewed candidates and awarded scholarships to three deserving youths from the DeMolay and Rainbow organizations. The scholarships were in the amount of $1,300 each. Our committee is proud of these young people, and we are looking forward to the continuation of this program in 2009 and future years. We wish to thank Past Worthy Advisor & Past Worthy Matron Leanne Keith; Past Grand Worthy Advisor Johanna Silber; Past State Master Councilors of DeMolay Kyle Hughes of Hiram Lodge No. 40; Jonathan Shores Jr.; and Past Honored Queen of Jobs Daughters Heather Mallard for service to the scholarship subcommittee. We especially want to thank the Trustees of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation who have seen fit to offer this benefit to members of our youth organizations.

The Rainbows of North Carolina report that they currently have approximately 110 members in 13 assemblies across the state. Supreme Inspector Kay Letterman indicates that she is seeing a growth pattern across the state and plans to target towns and cities that had previously sponsored Rainbow Assemblies to determine if there is current interest in reviving the sorority. Their international Supreme Assembly has retained a national advertising company to review the promotional activities of the organization and develop a plan to promote their group and recruit new members. Their funding from the Grand Lodge is typically used to cover the expenses associated with their Grand Assembly. As they are usually looking for more funding, it would be beneficial to them if lodges and bodies would consider sponsorships to allow for some of the Grand Lodge funding to be utilized for membership and new assembly recruitment expenses.

DeMolay in North Carolina is settling in after the change in executive officers in 2007. Frank Silber of James B. Green Lodge No. 735 has had one full year under his belt and his programs and staff are working to manage the chapters under their control. They have approximately 70 members in three active chapters and several inactive chapters. Targeted areas that have expressed interest for chapters are in Fayetteville, Clay County (41st Masonic District), and High Point. Adult training has taken place in Clay County and High Point, however, formal registration of those potential chapters has not yet taken place. Programming on a statewide level is difficult due to the numbers, however, the chapters themselves are active in promoting local activities and the mission of DeMolay is being accomplished. DeMolay generally uses their funding for their youth representatives to attend the International Session and to assist in subsidizing insurance charges from the international body. A portion of their budget is used to acquire membership and chapter recruitment materials; however, a significant amount of expenses are covered by the volunteers associated with the chapters.

Jobs Daughters are active in Raleigh. They are hampered by requirements that their members have Masonic heritage, therefore, recruiting efforts are limited to
daughters of our members and their ancestors. Most of their funding is used to assist in membership efforts and for travel to international meetings. Mrs. Sandy Dunbar of Raleigh continues to serve as their adult leader in North Carolina.

One common problem that each group has reported, and that I have struggled with over my involvement with these organizations, is promotion, and more precisely education of the membership about the benefits of sponsoring or working with these groups. For a state the size of North Carolina, and the number of Masons we have, we should have more youth activities, more chapters/assembly/bethels, more members, and more adult involvement. An analysis was prepared several years ago 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 compared to state population. It goes without saying that the tenth most populous state should have a better standing in these surveys.

Overcoming this lack of attention and education is a daunting task. This year I began to make contact with each of the district deputies regarding the needs of the Masonic youth. Several DDGMs replied, and for those brethren I am grateful. The communications will continue with more information on how to start chapters, and the benefits of supporting these groups. We have also had the privilege of bringing programs to lodges and bodies, as well as Wilkerson College. All of these have helped our efforts, but there’s more to do. In addition, articles and photos continue to be submitted to The North Carolina Mason on the activities of the groups, attempting to keep them in the forefront of the membership.

As I have had an opportunity to travel to several area jurisdictions and interact with representatives across the country, the things I have picked up from successful jurisdictions primarily relate to Masonic education on the youth activities and a commitment and involvement from the Grand Lodge officers and lodges. North Carolina needs to start somewhere. To assist in these efforts, I make the following proposals:

I request that the grand master make the Masonic youth organizations a priority in his program for the year.

I recommend that training for district deputy grand masters include a program on the youth organizations.

I recommend that each DDGM be directed to form a committee from among their represented lodges that will seek to develop the DeMolay, Rainbow, and/or Jobs Daughter program in their district and be encouraged to see that one be started before their term is completed.

I propose that the grand master consider making at least one of the Grand Lodge officers a member of the Committee on Masonic Youth Organizations for a period of at least one year on a rotating basis to oversee the efforts of the DDGMs and bring a report to the Board of General Purposes.

I recommend that the grand master consider the adult heads of each of these groups to be an ex-officio member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Youth Organizations.

I recommend that the Grand Lodge consider an annual award for a lodge or body that has provided outstanding service to a DeMolay Chapter, Rainbow Assembly, or Jobs Daughter Bethel.

What we seek are commitments and accountability. Without commitments from the Lodges, there is little that this committee can do to serve the Grand Lodge. Without recognition, the encouragement to support our youth becomes more of an afterthought than a project for completion. We are seeking to find ways that lodges and bodies can increase their commitments to our youth, and to recognize and reward those that step up to the plate.

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, and the adult leaders noted above are available to assist you in accomplishing this requirement. Requests for education programs are fine, but soon, there won’t be any youths to bring these programs. Not unless you convert the education we bring into action to help our youth groups grow.

There was a grand master several years ago who lauded the Grand Lodge with the wisdom “If you keep doing what you’ve always done, you’re going to get what you’ve always had.” The goal of this committee in the upcoming year is to change the culture of the Grand Lodge’s interaction with the Masonic youth and to springboard them to prominence.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles V. Rouse Jr., Chairman

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:

The Committee on Masonic Ceremonies and Miscellaneous Publications completed its work on the More Light in Masonry brochure, which is mailed to every newly initiated Mason with a letter of welcome from the grand master. Our committee was concerned that more than 20 percent of entered apprentices never return to take the fellow craft degree, so we developed the brochure to encourage entered apprentices to continue through the degrees and to become more involved in their lodges and their communities.

During the time the brochure has been in use, the loss rate of brothers between the first and second degrees has decreased slightly, from 23 percent to 19 percent, according to preliminary figures provided by the grand secretary. We can’t claim that More Light in Masonry is solely responsible for the increase in retention, but we are glad to see the numbers moving in the right direction.

In the coming year the committee will consider several suggestions for ways in which we can serve the fraternity, including updating and promoting several publications currently in use by the Grand Lodge. We want to hear your ideas for improving More Light in Masonry, which is available on the Grand Lodge’s home page under the heading “For the New Entered Apprentice,” and we welcome additional suggestions from the craft for ways in which we can help advance Freemasonry in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
Speed Hallman, 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 2008 were: Grand Lecturer J. Henry Brantley; Chairman Howard Kahn; Secretary Dwight M. Sigmon; Mitchell L. Spruill; Chesley M. Greene, John W. Couch, Jacob Ray Abernathy, and Floyd L. Trimmer. Past Grand Master Tom Gregory served as liaison with the
The Board of Custodians met regularly during the year, with meetings held on January 18, April 11, July 11, and September 18, 2008. The fall meeting was scheduled to coincide with the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Winston-Salem.

Certified brethren qualifying for the Laudamus Certificate in 2008 are: Dabney Scott Craddock Jr, Hamlet Lodge No. 532; Woodley Bayard Kennedy, Cary Lodge No. 198; Michael Furry Powell, LaFayette Lodge No. 83; Joseph Letcher Robertson Jr., Widow’s Son Lodge No. 75; Robert Junius Snipes Jr., St. John’s Lodge No. 1; and Hubert Holman Warren Jr., Palmyra Lodge No. 147.

District Deputy Grand Lecturers qualifying for the Past District Deputy Grand Lecturer Certificate in 2008 are: Mitchell Leroy Spruill, District 1; Victor Michelle Hall, District 9; Michael Conrad Saviak III, District 10; Edward Earl Wells, District 11; Kevin Donald Hardison, District 16; Kenneth Edgar Lewis, District 21; Charles Ray Williams, District 24; George Cooper Page, District 26; Thomas Arthur Thompson, District 28; Clayton Lee Wright, District 32; James Edward Jenkins, District 35; and Winston A. Riddle, District 40.

Two Certified Lecturers, James Kelly Hooper of Robbinsville Lodge No. 672 and Willie Parker Goodwin of Unanimity Lodge No. 7 achieved a milestone in 2008 never previously achieved by each completing their 58th year as a Certified Lecturer. In addition, Kolen Flack of Western Star Lodge No. 91 completed his 50th year of service.

Brother Vivian Wilson Green was approved in 2008 for the designation of Certified Lecturer Emeritus.

The 2008 Certified Lecturer examinations were held according to the following schedule: August 9 in Greenville and Greensboro; August 16, Wilmington and Charlotte; August 23, 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.

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 sponsored by the Board of Custodians is now being maintained which includes information of interest concerning their history, latest corrections to the OSW and Bahnson Manual, various application forms, and a current roster of those certified. The Board expresses its sadness at the loss of Brother Al Hardy in 2008. We are grateful for the many years of support he provided the Board and his support will truly be missed!

In 2008, the new five-hour mandatory Lecture Service was implemented for the one hundred eighty even numbered lodges throughout the state. In 2009 one hundred ninety-seven odd-numbered lodges will be required to complete this new requirement by the September 15 deadline. Feedback was positive from the majority of the lodges who participated during 2008 indicating the special instruction was beneficial in their continuous improvement in their proficiency of the ritualistic work.

The Board issued two proposed amendments to The Code in 2008. The first clarifies Reg. 59-2 (49) to make The Code line up with the General Rules on page seven of the OSW concerning filling the junior deacon’s place when he is performing his duty. The second clarifies Reg. 72-1 to more clearly state that the entire catechism is required for examination except as allowed in Reg. 72-2.3. These proposed amendments will be available for vote at the Annual Communication in 2009.

The Board of Custodians expresses its appreciation to Grand Master David R. Cash for his enthusiastic support of the Board of Custodians and the Certified Lecturer program, and to Grand Secretary Walt Clapp and Ric Carter, assistant to the grand secretary, for their valuable assistance during the year. The Board also expresses its
appreciation to Grand Lecturer J. Henry Brantley 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,
Howard Kahn, Chairman
Dwight M. Sigmon, Secretary

Report of the Grand Lodge Library Committee

The following report of the Grand Lodge Library Committee was received and entered on the record.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

The Grand Lodge Library is continuing to progress slowly in accumulating and organizing materials relevant to the history of our Grand Lodge.

We continue to receive occasional gifts of books and memorabilia from Masons and their families. We protect these gifts and move toward a situation in which we may display and share these items with the public. We also continue to develop and cultivate future gifts and historical artifacts.

It is hoped that future work to restore the Grand Lodge office will include adaptations to include a library area and museum facility that will make the message of Freemasonry more accessible to the Masons of North Carolina as well as the state’s citizens. We are currently investigating possible methods to display and preserve our collection of portraits of grand masters. The system installed when our building was opened in the 1950s has been outgrown. We currently have no way to display a full collection of the portraits. We have, though, maintained a complete collection of portraits of those who have served. We have good prospects on a new system and expect a relatively quick solution.

We continue to accept historic lodge records for inclusion in the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. We moved a large portion of our records to that facility some years ago for long term protection. If your lodge has old minute books, please consider moving the oldest of these records to The North Carolina Masonic Collection in the archive. This is one of the largest collection of manuscripts and one-of-a-kind documents in the country. Ours could become the largest collection of Masonic documents collected by scholars. If your lodge is interested and wants to talk about the possibility, call the Grand Lodge office.

We have recently cleaned out a storage facility and consolidated its contents to solidify our collections of old publications of the Grand Lodge. It was mostly a collection of old Proceedings, but there were a few publications we previously did not know. These are now being incorporated into our Library.

If you or your family or friends have some bit of Masonic history that needs saving, please give us a call. We will be glad to share it with the other Masons of North Carolina. If you’d like to see some of our history, drop by for a visit. We’d love to see you.

Respectfully submitted,
Ric Carter
Clifton W. Everett Jr., PGM
T. Walton Clapp III
Larry B. Thompson
Michael W. Brantley
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 Special Activities is pleased to report that we have received requests for fundraisers from many lodges all over the state. There have been many different types of fundraisers ranging from renting out camping spots, to golf tournaments, to various food functions.

We commend all the lodges for their diligence in supporting our charities and the Committee stands ready to assist any lodge that needs our help or advice.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirby Matthews, Chairman
Gene Lewellyn
Albert Jones

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 it disposition are included in afternoon business at the time they were voted on.

Messages from Guests

Grand Master Cash recognized several guests and gave them opportunity to address the delegates. Speakers included Sudan Potentate Robert F. Waller, Amran Potentate Wayne Brooks, Oasis Potentate John V. Elder, Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite SGIG William B. Brunk, PGM, York Rite Grand Illustrious Master J. Luigi Ammons, a letter from Grand Treasurer Clifton W. Everett Jr., PGM was read explaining his health related absence, Massachusetts Grand Master Roger W. Pageau, and District of Columbia Grand Secretary Mansour Hatefi.

Plaque Presentations

Grand Master Cash was given plaques of appreciation from the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. MSA and George Washington Masonic National Memorial Representative W. Berry Rigdon made the presentations.
Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon Final Report


Called From Labor to Refreshment

Grand Chaplain Christopher A. Fitzgerald offered a prayer, and the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 1:15 P.M.

First Day
Afternoon Session

At 1:15 P.M., Grand Master Cash called the Annual Communication to order. Supreme Inspector Kay Letterman and Grand Treasurer Emily Denise Williard of North Carolina Order of Rainbow Assembly of North Carolina addressed the members present. DeMolay's Tony Glidwell introduced State Master Councilor Toroghe Ashford who delivered DeMolay's School Book Lecture. Rev. Lynn Cash, wife of Grand Master Cash, addressed the assembly acquainting them with a charity fundraiser taking place during the Communication.

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

Report of the Committee on Necrology

A. Gene Cobb, chairman of the Committee on Necrology, presided over the memorial service honoring our members who have died since our last Annual Communication.

Past Grand Master Gerry T. Smith delivered the following eulogy for Past Grand Master A.C. "Jack" Honeycutt.

Eulogy for PGM A. C. “Jack” Honeycutt

The Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim-
That sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when he reached the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.
“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,
“You are wasting strength in building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head.
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,
“There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.”

— Will Allen Dromgoole

In preparation for the service, I spent hours trying to put my thoughts together. There are so many things in my heart that I wanted to say about Brother Jack. So many stories I’ve heard, but there’s just not time. He was a very unique person. And I thought this poem would fit Brother Jack. It’s about as good as any because he was a builder, a mighty builder.

Many of you have probably wondered why each year these past grand masters, or old goats as some of us like to be referred to, are all appointed and reappointed to various committees and boards of our organizations. Serving on these boards can be a real eye opener.

It’s often been said that experience is a great teacher. And when you are serving alongside these men, you will soon understand. They come from all over the state, from various professions, vocations, and talents, special talents. God has blessed us with this mesh of men and that we have built it into a network of the finest organization. Some of these fellows have 20, 30, 40 years or more of experience — invaluable experience. And you see the dedication and compassion they have for our beloved fraternity, our charitable homes, and all our work.

Serving with Brother Jack at Oxford 22 years ago brought these points to me in a profound way. At my church, we have a singing group called the Joy Club. And Joy, J-O-Y, is an acronym for Just Older Youth. And that’s what we are supporting at Greensboro. Brother Jack’s love, compassion and appreciation for his homes caused him to want to continue building our bridges.

Brother Jack was born March 16, 1925, and passed to his heavenly home April 27, 2008. He had three sisters and three brothers. All three brothers later became Master Masons. He was a veteran of World War II. After his military service, he started a dry cleaning business with his brother. He was very successful in his chosen profession, having several dry cleaning plants in Raleigh. He was a past president of the North Carolina Cleaners and Launderers Association. The business continues today under the very capable leadership of his son, Brother Tim Honeycutt.

On June 28, 1947, he started building another bridge. He married the love of his life, Margaret Council. When love stories are written, their names will be in the book.
They have three children, Debra, Jackie, and Tim. They have six grandchildren and six
great-grandchildren. In a conversation with Brother Tim the other day, he said that
number was going to increase, because he was looking forward to some grandchildren.
We can all relate to that, can’t we?

Brother Jack married into a Masonic family. His father-in-law, M. C. Council,
served many years as secretary of Green Level Lodge No. 277 and was one of the first
Masons to receive the Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years of service. Brother Jack
was raised a Master Mason on June 17, 1953 in Hiram Lodge No. 40. Brother Council
coached Jack and raised him that night and instilled in him the importance and
appreciation of being a Master Mason. He was a master of Hiram Lodge No. 40 in 1967
and served three years as district deputy grand master of the 24th Masonic District.

He had the honor, while he was grand master, of raising Brother Tim. And last
year, he had a further honor to present Tim his 25-Years Service Award. Brother Jack
served at Grand Lodge long before he was appointed a grand steward by Grand Master
Leslie H. Garner in 1976. He worked his way up the line and was elected deputy grand
master in April 1981. Nine months later Jack became grand master when our much
beloved Grand Master Nelson Banks was fatally stricken with a heart attack while
doing officer installations in the western part of our state.

Now, many of you probably never knew Grand Master Banks. But I can assure
you he was a prince of a man and a treasure for Freemasonry. Brother Jack had some
enormous shoes to fill, but he did it admirably. Grand Master Banks would have
been proud of Jack for carrying on his work. He was elected to serve a full term as
grand master in April 1982 and did an outstanding job. This was at a time when our
membership was peaking. We had about 73,000 members.

He received many well-deserved honors. Grand Master William Mims presented
him the Joseph Montfort medal in 1972. In 1981, he was elected to the 33rd Scottish
Rite Degree. His memberships in various organizations was very lengthy, but his
appreciation of being an honorary member of lodges around the state was extra special.
Brother Jack was a dedicated member of this fraternity, but he never put it above the
more important things in his life, nor would he want us to. God, family, and church
were his lifeblood.

He and his family were members of Samaria Baptist Church. He was a Sunday
School teacher, superintendent, deacon and for many years church treasurer. I’ll bet he
made some Baptist preachers mad as hell with his penny-pinching. Brother Jack was
building that special building for his fellow men.

Brothers, it gets real personal now. Brother Jack owns a home at Emerald Isle, and
that was his escape from the hustle and bustle of Raleigh and business. He loved to have
the children and grandchildren come down and spend some time at the beach. He loved
to sit on his front porch and just listen to the ocean waves lapping on the sand, sitting
in a rocking chair and just drift off in the best sleep anybody ever had.

He had a special affection for his brothers at Seaside Lodge in Swansboro. Every
September, they cook up a seafood fest that is indescribable. Several years ago, he called
me and wanted me to come over and pick him up. We’d go to the lodge. He said bring
Becky, my wife, and let her stay here with Margaret. And we did. So we ran over. And
like most Masons, we stuffed ourselves. And on the way back, Jack said, “I need to talk
to you.”

He was very candid and honest with his feelings. He said he had serious
reservations in the beginning about the wisdom of passing the Prince Hall Resolution.
The thing that had changed his mind was many unMasonic comments and verbal
attacks against some very fine Masons across the state. He also said he didn’t think of
himself as a racist. But he said maybe he was without realizing it. I’m sure many of us
here can relate to that.
He said he had thought long and hard about it. He had prayed about it and decided that this was the right thing to do. He was a very forgiving man and asked for forgiveness on this matter. He said it was time to settle this matter and get on with the important things that we need to be doing. My brothers, it would be a fitting tribute to Brother Jack to pass this resolution for the good of our fraternity.

Brother Jack wasn’t a perfect man. He could sometimes be down right ornery and stubborn as a Robeson County mule. My dad was from Robeson County. He was raised on a farm. And he told me a lot of stories about mules. Our annual communications will go on, but they just won’t be the same without Brother Jack.

He and Worship Brother Garner and Worship Brother Pete Franklin have kept up this tradition of honoring Worship Brother Earl Noe with the Earl the Pearl Hospitality Suites. And we hope that will always be a part of our Grand Lodge. We’ll miss that smile, that laugh, and that greeting of, “You know what I like about you? Not a damn thing.”

Excuse me, Grand Master. Well, Jack, you know what we like about you? Nothing. We don’t like you. We love you. We cherish your memory. And I hope and all the old goats are having a great Grand Lodge in heaven with the real Grand Master presiding. The family asked me today to convey their thanks to all of you all across the state for the calls, the cards, everything you did for him during his time of illness and passing. Thank you.
Final Report
of
Grand Master
David R. Cash

Grand Lodge of
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
of North Carolina

2008
Report of the Grand Master

The following report of Grand Master David R. Cash contains his interim report offered at Annual Communication as well as his remarks at Annual Communication and the updating to the Report that he made at his final meeting with the Board of General Purposes. It is Grand Master Cash's Final Report.

Remarks at Annual Communication regarding his interim Report.

Distinguished guests and past grand masters, district deputy grand masters, and district deputy grand lecturers, worshipful masters and officers of each lodge represented and all delegates to this 221st Annual Communication, in conformity to The Code, you will find a very detailed report in your booklet. Rather than just reading the report to you, I just offer it for your edification. And rather than reading it, I wanted just to share with you a little bit brother-to-brother. So I want to invite you just to close those books. And you can read that sometime when you really don’t have anything else to read.

You know, being a Methodist preacher, everybody you talk to has a joke for you. I hear more preacher jokes than I ever want to remember. And so have my kids, because once they find out that you’re the child of the preacher, then automatically you’re going to get to hear a joke about a preacher whether you want to hear it or not. Hopefully it’s not that your daddy is a joke of a preacher, but anyway. My son’s favorite joke is the preacher’s standing at the back of the church one Sunday morning. And his people are filing out, and little Johnny comes by. Little Johnny’s looking up on the wall. The preacher sees that, and he says, “Johnny, whatcha doing?”

He said, “Well, preacher, what’s all those plaques up there on the wall?”

He said, “Well, Johnny, that represents the names of the people who died in the service.”

He said, “Did they die at the 9:00 o'clock service or the 11:00 o'clock service?”

That’s D.R.’s favorite church joke. I share that because that was sort of my idea of church. Because when I was called, first of all, as a teenager into the ministry back in 1966, I didn’t want to be a preacher, because preachers didn’t have fun. And I liked to do a little dancing. I liked to go to the movies. I liked to look at girls, and I didn’t think preachers were supposed to do any of that stuff, at least that’s what people at my home church told me.

And so I said, “No, Lord. I don’t want to be a preacher.” And for the next 18 years, I worked pretty good at not being a preacher. Finally, one day I had an experience on the golf course in which God spoke to me and said, “Dave, I want you to be a preacher, and I want to ask you again.” I joined the Masonic Fraternity back in 1983. And during this experience and during that time between that time of joining the Masons in 1983 that God began to deal in my heart. A lot of times, I’d be sitting back in the choir because I love music. And I’d be singing. And the preacher – I didn’t know whether I was going to make it through the 9:00 o’clock or 11:00 o’clock service.

And the little voice would say, “Well, that’s right, Dave, because you know you’re supposed to be up there.” And I’d say, “Well, maybe he’s not doing such a bad job after all.” But, finally in 1983, in a voice just as plain as I’m speaking to you said, “Dave, I want you to be a preacher. And I’m not going to ask you again.” I’ve dealt with it for 18 years. Masonry helped me make that decision. As I learned to subdue my passions, and as I found the teaching of Masonry, and the homage that it paid to religion, I knew that life wasn’t about me. It’s about what God wanted.

And I knew that one thing was for certain, that I couldn’t stand to die in the 9:00 o’clock or 11:00 o’clock service. Church was going to have to be fun. Brethren, I say that to say that I think Masonry is supposed to be fun. Have we had fun this year? Amen. That’s what I feel like my calling has been all year. My calling is not to go into a new
church or to start a new church. That’s not who Dave Cash is. My calling as a minister is to go into a church that has gotten stagnant, that has gotten stuck and try to bring it back to life. I don’t think we need a lot of new churches. I’m not opposing those, and maybe you’ve started some. I’m just saying that’s not what Dave Cash feels like his calling is about.

And my calling for Masonry was the same thing. I saw from my perspective that Masonry was a little stuck, that it was a little dry. I wouldn’t say we’re dying in 9:00 and 11:00 o’clock service, but it wasn’t fun. And so that’s why for me this year of being who I wanted – who I felt God was calling me to be was about bringing some fun back into Masonry. And that’s what I tried to stress at our district meetings. And I talked about us being who we say we are, trying to raise the level of Masonry by raising fun, raising the level of Masonry to emphasize that we’re supposed to be about fraternity and friendship. We’re supposed to be about unity, because Masonry is about us. We’re supposed to be about making every Mason feel needed and necessary.

That’s why I chose to talk about raising fun, about being who we say we are, about advancing and enhancing Masonry inside our fraternity and in the public eye. Because you see, Masonry does pay homage to religion. But for some reason, religion don’t like us. That’s another story. So this year, you understand my passion for ministry, and my passion for Masonry, and my reason for wanting to have some fun, because I don’t want any of you to die in Masonry. And I don’t want to die in Masonry, because Masonry is something special. It’s been a joy this year serving as your 156th Grand Master.

Two highlights have emerged in my year as grand master. The first one was representing you at the World Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, DC back in May. You see, at that World Conference of Grand Masters, which our good brothers already talked about there being over 153 countries represented there, one of the presenters made the following statement. And it slapped me upside the head. And I still hear it every night I lay on the pillow and every morning when I get up. He said “If the world is ever going to change and become a better place, I believe Masonry is going to be the tool that God will use to do it.” That’s what the man said there. “If the world is every going to change and become a better place, I believe Masonry is going to be the tool that God will use to do it.”

You see, at this World Conference, as I sat with brothers from around the world, I found out that all of us wanted the very same thing. We wanted the brotherhood of mankind under the fatherhood of God. We all wanted to live in peace. Nobody wanted to be oppressed or at war. That’s not what we’re about. That’s not what anybody wants. We wanted to be about the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. And I believe it was at that conference that I recognized what to me, I think – I think, this is just my opinion – is the greatest contribution of Masonry to the world. Masonry makes all mankind brothers.

I say that because when I meet a Master Mason for the very first time, I feel like I’ve known him all my life. And that’s what I’ve felt from you as I traveled around the state and met you for the first time. I felt like I’ve known you all my life because we have so much in common – the bond of Masonry, our belief in God and deity. You see, that’s what Masonry requires is a belief in deity. That’s what gives us our bond. That’s what makes our connection. That’s what gives us a kindred spirit. Masonry teaches that it’s the internal and not the external qualities that make a man. I believe that.

I sure don’t want to get up there and stand before that Jewish carpenter and be judged on the color of my skin. And I sure don’t want to be judged by any other thing but the record of my life and actions and my faith in whom I put my trust. Mama said red, yellow, black, and white. And I think she was talking about not only that, but Jew or Muslim or Christian. We’ll probably never come together in the name of religion. That probably won’t happen. That’s what the man was saying in there. Only in the Masonic lodge can you find a Holy Bible or the Koran or the Torah on the same altar, one God
and one person. That’s what Masonry is about to me.

The other highlight of my year as Grand Master has been traveling our great state and meeting you. I’ve enjoyed the spaghetti dinners. And I’ve enjoyed the fish fries. And I’ve enjoyed the barbecues. I have to admit, I did like the taters and gravy the best at Catawba Valley Lodge in Morganton. I had to be honest. That was my favorite. I’m a meat and taters guy. I’m sorry. That’s just me. I loved it. But the joy has been a rewarding experience traveling the state. It’s also been challenging. It’s been rewarding in that I discovered that Masonry is flourishing and growing. In most areas across our state, people are having fun in Masonry. And because of those endeavors, I believe that we Masons are making a difference in North Carolina, in our communities and in the world.

We’re making a difference in each part of our lives beyond our little circle. Remember that trestle board where they drew the circle and the point in the middle? You probably heard that in a degree. You see, we do make a difference in the world. And I say that to say, though, that there’s two words I kept hearing that I think are the kiss of death to Masonry – maintain and preserve. Too long I’ve heard it said and I keep hearing it stated that we must maintain and preserve Masonry. I don’t think that’s my calling, nor did I see that the calling of any true Master Mason.

You see, I think as Masons, God chooses when we’re going to be alive and at what point in history. I’m glad he didn’t choose me to be a Moses, because I don’t like to camp. I wouldn’t have done too good in the wilderness sleeping under the stars. That’s just not me. I sure am glad God waited until the 20th Century to create Dave Cash. You might not, but I sure am thankful for that. Because you see, I don’t think God put me on this earth to maintain and preserve it. I think he put me here and he put you here to make this world a better place. I don’t want when I die that people say, “Well, the world’s a better place now because he’s dead.”

A story is told about these two brothers. As a matter of fact, they were morticians. But anyways, I heard some other jokes besides preacher jokes. They were terrible. They had a bad reputation in town. They were known to be abusers of their spouses and adulterers. And they just weren’t popular men. And one of them died. And the other brother came to the preacher and he said, “I will donate $10,000 to your church if you will say at his funeral that he was a saint.” He said, “But everybody in town knows your brother ain’t a saint.” He said, “$10,000, preacher.” He said, “I’ll be glad to do that.”

At the funeral, the preacher gets up and says, “All of us know Brother John over here. And we know that he was a mean man to his family and to his kids. We know that he cheated everybody in town and run around on his wife. But compared to his brother...

I don’t think it’s my job to maintain and preserve. I think my calling is to make the world a better place. And my goal this year in Masonry has been to enhance and try to advance Masonry. That’s what I’ve been about. That’s what I try to be about. I wanted us to do that personally from within the blue lodge and publicly without the blue lodge that we carry the message of Masonry outside. Too long we were looked upon as being a secret society as our grand orator talked about this morning. That’s why I’ve talked so much about us as Masons, being who we say we are. That’s why last year when I accepted the job as grand master, I asked you three questions. Are you a Master Mason? What makes you a Master Mason? And what induced you to become a Master Mason.

You see, we are a fraternity under the brotherhood of man serving under the fatherhood of God. And for this grand master, this year is about paying homage to religion. And for me in that Great Light, the homage that Masonry pays to religion is the commandment that it teaches, that we love the great architect of the universe with all our heart, soul, and mind and that we love our brother as we love ourselves. That’s what that book teaches. You can put it all together in John or whatever, but to me, that’s what that Great Book teaches. And for me, that’s friendship, morality, and brotherly love.
And that, to me, is what I tried to be about this year, about enhancing and paying Masonry what it does and what it’s done to me to advance and enhance it. It’s rewarding to witness firsthand the many productive lodges and the ways you are raising fun and raising the standard of Masonry. In my observation – and this is just my opinion – the lodges that are raising fun are the lodges that are growing, who are trying to enhance and advance, not just trying to keep the door open, not trying to maintain and preserve. They’re trying to move forward. They’re taking the message outside. Yeah, it’s a personal thing, but no, it never was meant to be private. Masonry was supposed to make a difference in the world. That’s what we believe.

And I want to thank you for doing that this year. I want to thank those lodges that are growing because you are advancing and enhancing Masonry through regular Masonic education. And I want to thank the Committee on Masonic Education and you masters who have deliberately and intentionally emphasized Masonic education and incorporated it into your meetings to make sure that your lodge brothers did grow Masonically. Thank you for that.

I want to thank the Board of Custodians and the district deputy grand lecturers and the certified lecturers for their many schools of instruction that stress taking pride in the work. Don’t just settle for doing it okay or all right. Taking pride so you don’t miss a word. Advance and enhance. Don’t just try to maintain it. Make every degree the best degree you’ve ever put on in that lodge. You see, to me, that’s what I’m talking about advancing and enhancing. Well, that’s just as good as old... No, we want to be the best degree we’ve ever done. And to the Board of Custodians, thank you for trying to emphasize those schools of instruction and not letting those lodges sit on their... – sit and be satisfied for just maintaining and preserving. Thank you for enhancing and trying to advance the teachings of Masonry. To you worshipful masters who served this year and who wore the big hat, too: I want to say thank you to you and each officer of your lodges. All for you, my sincere affection and appreciation for the way and manner you’ve worked in the quarries promoting the many ongoing projects and for all those fellowship dinners that you’ve had.

I want to thank you for the fundraisers that you’ve done for our charities and for the scholarship program that you’ve endorsed, for the Little League programs that you tried to do. The other community-minded things in which you took Masonry outside, deliberately outside the Blue Lodge. I want to thank you for each of those pig jigs and for those bike rides. And I want to thank you for all those turkey shoots and fish fries and blood drives and Brunswick stews and barbecues and clam chowder sales and all those yard sales and all those things that you have done this year trying to advance and raise funds.

Masters, from the bottom of my heart, thank you and your lodge for doing that. also, I want to say a special thanks to Walt Clap, our grand secretary, to Allen Hughes, the administrator for the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, and to Mark Kolada, the administrator at WhiteStone who in addition to performing their duties every day willingly as encouraged by the grand master accompanied me to all the District Meetings. We had twenty-seven this year.

I think Brother Hughes made all but two, all but two. And he did that – he didn’t take a vacation day, didn’t follow me around. He did his job and then drove across the state. That’s the caliber of men we have serving us, brothers. For their love of Masonry, they did their job and then they came to see you and followed me as a way of supporting me and the great charities. So Mark and Walt and Alan, I want to say a special thank you.

I also want to recognize and thank two other brothers this year who have made my year very special. One of them is William Mills and the other is Richard Secoolish. Those two brothers have offered their personal assistance that got us above and beyond the length of their cable tow. And they know what they’ve done, and I know what they’ve
done. And the great architect knows what they’ve done. But I want to say thank you to them.

I also want to say thank you to my son who is your grand tyler. He might not recognize it, but he has given his dad the greatest honor that I think and the greatest compliment that he could ever give a dad. He became a Master Mason. I love you, man. Thank you, son.

I think he’d make a great preacher, too, but that’s between you and the Lord. To the district deputy grand masters, I ask you to go and present my platform and the ideas about ways that we can raise fun. You have been my representatives in your districts. You have represented me well and brought honor to our fraternity. Thank you.

I want to say a special thanks to the 107 lodges who have co-sponsored the resolution of mutual recognition of Prince Hall Masons. Thank you for advancing and enhancing Freemasonry. And I want to thank last my grand line officers who have encouraged and supported me with their love and counsel. I am excited about our Grand Lodge and its bright future because of the outstanding caliber of men that sit in this circle. You have chosen well, my brothers. You are well represented. And you’ve got a lot here at the Grand Lodge in North Carolina to be thankful for and proud of.

And most of all today I wanted to say thank you to each one of the more than 47,000 Masons in North Carolina. I want to thank you for the opportunity you’ve given me to serve as your grand master. And together, I want to continue and ask that you continue to pledge yourself as I continue to pledge myself to advancing and enhancing Masonry and raising fun.

Because you see, when I’m asked a question, “Are you a Mason?” without hesitation or reservation or secret evasion of mine, I’m proud to respond, “I am.” And I am honored and proud to stand before you and with you as the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. So mote it be. God bless every one of you.

Grand Master Cash’s Interim Report to Annual Communication

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina, my Brethren All:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your 156th Grand Master. It has been both a rewarding yet challenging experience. Rewarding in the sense that I discovered in my travels that Masonry is flourishing and growing in most areas across our state and world. It is rewarding to witness first hand the many growing lodges and their similar characteristics: regular Masonic education, regular practices/schools of instruction, pride in their ritual, ongoing projects, fellowship, fund raisers for our charities/scholarships, community minded, program oriented — lodges striving to RAISE F.U.N. It is rewarding to witness such a great display and enthusiasm of brotherly love prevailing across the majority of our great jurisdiction.

Unfortunately, my travels also unearthed some very challenging concerns. We have some lodges with serious struggles and a few lodges literally facing the threat of closing their doors. Just as growing lodges have similar traits, I found those “not growing lodges” with similar challenging problems — stagnation and apathy — a lack of leadership, recycled officers not motivated, power struggles among the members, closed minds, and an unwillingness to embrace new ideas in a changing world. These challenged lodges seek to blame their problems on attendance, finances, and old lodge buildings. The key tenet in this report is to remind all of us that Masonry is not a building. We are a fraternity of men called under the Fatherhood of God to serve the brotherhood of man. The purpose of this report is to help us, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, take a good look at ourselves. And make no mistake here, I know we, EACH OF US IN THIS ROOM, are and wish to remain, “the Grand Lodge of North Carolina!” It is time to talk “on the square.”
My daughter’s favorite joke is this. How many church members does it take to change a light bulb? CHANGE THAT LIGHT BULB?! My granddaddy donated that light bulb to this church! I have proclaimed all year in my travels at district meetings and individual lodges that Masonry is not broken and does not need fixing. I still maintain that. I see Masonry as the energy source that supplies the powerful force behind our great fraternity. Its teachings, symbolisms, and allegories have stood the test of time. The power source remains intact; but, it is time we change the light bulb. It is time that we change the way Masonry is presented. It is time to let our light shine! Our world needs it! Our fellow man needs it! I need it! And I think God is demanding it! It is time to change our light bulb.

Let’s start by talking about changing the light bulb toward public perception. Masonry vows to pay homage to religion. Yet, religious leaders in all denominations remain our strongest critics and adversaries. In conversation and correspondence with you and by surfing the internet, our fraternity remains under constant attack and scrutiny. We are perceived as secret, racist, closed, sexist, evil, cultic…the list grows daily. As grand master, I have tried to use my office to change the light bulb of public perception. Now you understand why I was encouraging you to be “who you say you are” — men of good report and well recommended, men who live out their obligations as Masons. Public perception is one reason I take such a strong position in support of Prince Hall and my “Raising F.U.N.” platform.

In my travels, I have witnessed many efforts toward improving public perception. Partnering with such established and respected organizations as the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, little league and youth organizations, promoting scholarship programs, community projects, open house events, and fund raising events are serving us well and are great steps. However, we must be more deliberate in changing the light bulb of public perception.

I hear it said too many times in too many settings, “My father/grandfather was a Mason and we never knew what you did. He never talked about it at home or with us.” Brethren, it is time to change the light bulb. It is time for us to talk Masonry. We need to better educate newly made Masons. When my son joined the Oasis Shrine, he received a packet in the mail with detailed information about wearing his fez, attending meetings, promoting the Shrine hospital and projects, brochures about how to share the Shrine with his family and friends. He was provided listings of opportunities for him to become actively involved in Shrine units and fund raising projects. He received Shriner decals, advertisements to obtain and display appropriate jewelry for him and his lady. The “Welcoming the New Shriner” packet included an application for membership for a friend and protocol on sharing the message of the Shrine. Brethren, we are behind. It is time we changed our light bulb of public perception. I make these recommends to you officers of your subordinate lodges as well as our Committees on Masonic Public Relation Relations, Masonic Education, and Finance.

It is time that we change the light bulb of accountability and leadership. Most officers in the lodges are working hard and doing a yeoman’s job. Your mere presence here today is so appreciated and I know that what I am about to share is “preaching to the choir.” That’s why I need you to help me. The brethren in leadership roles who need to hear are not usually present to listen. Forty-two lodges were not represented at my district meetings this year. Several only had one person present at the meetings. Last year, thirty three lodges were not represented at our annual communication. When I inquired with my district deputies, the most common excuse was that the master of the lodge was serving his second term and felt he did not need to attend another boring meeting. The master of the lodge must model Masonry. Many of our lodges made no, ZERO, contributions to our two charities. How can we proclaim “to support myself and family and contribute to the relief of distress brother master masons, their widows and orphans?”
Again, I know I am preaching to the choir. But, to you leaders, don’t agree to serve again or allow others to be recycled unless WE are willing to commit to the time and energy required of the office.

The most common problems among all lodges are poor attendance, aging members, and old buildings. The membership of a lodge is not directly proportional to attendance. Even the largest lodge in our state in terms of membership averages about twenty in attendance at regular meetings. Think about this, at our regular meetings, as an average, less than 1,000 of our 47,000 members attend the meeting. The charge of the Master Mason’s degree states, “Brother, your zeal for the institution of Masonry, the progress you have made in the mysteries, and your conformity to our regulations, have pointed you out as a proper object of our favor and esteem.” At the altar, we are asked the question, “What do you most desire?” What has happened? Where and why does a Mason lose the zeal? What happened to one’s pursuit of further light in Masonry? It is time to change the light bulb! Think about this. The average age of masons in North Carolina is over 61 years of age. As sixty-year-old men, we know what we like and dislike as we approach retirement. What attracts the thirty year old? That is not for us to decide. We are in the box. It is impossible for us to think outside of it. We must investigate younger men. Discover their needs, wants, and interests and inform them as to how Masonry can enhance their lives and relationships. Some brethren say Masonry has become too expensive. Some say we are too cheap. The truth is that in most cases, lodge dues and per capita have increased minimally and the initiation fee has not changed for years. The truth is that according to the 2007 Doings Reports, seventy-five lodges did not receive a single petition for membership last year. Another 102 lodges received no more than two petitions during the year. These statistics are reflective of us leaders.

As for financial concerns, we need to do a better job of educating membership. Every lodge, church, organization, and family is experiencing financial strains. Fuel prices are affecting attitudes as well as the economy. For all these reasons above, lodges must look at ways to supplement and market ourselves. This need for fund raising and participation in more community events will require more time and use of member resources. It is time to change the light bulb accountability and leadership. Masonry needs to become more visible and creative!

While the Board of Custodians does a tremendous job with our ritual, we are experiencing a crisis in certified lecturers. Many of our certified lecturers are well seasoned, and most are being over-worked and becoming burned out. Some districts do not have even one certified lecturer. It is time to change the light bulb. We must look at options to attract more members toward certifications. Perhaps certifying individual lectures on specific degrees and allowing more classifications is the answer! This bulb definitely needs changing.

I truly believe the changing of the light bulb involves Prince Hall. At the mere mention of those two words, “Prince Hall,” makes the blood in some of you start to boil. Well, it does me too! The war over slavery and racism was supposed to have ended in 1865. It is time to change the light bulb! The South lost and we were once again supposed to be the United States of America. Most of us have lived through the Civil Rights Movements of the ’60s–’70s in which our government determined once again that all men are created equal in the sight of God and should not be segregated by race or color. It is time to change the light bulb. We say in the teachings of Masonry that it is the internal; and not the external that makes a man a Mason. Our Masonic energy source, the Great Light, the Holy Bible states in Galatians chapter 3, verse 28: “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one...” It is time to change the light bulb! It is time that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to be who we say we are.

Sixty-six percent of the Masons in attendance at the Grand Lodge of North Carolina
2007 annual communication voted in favor last year to recognize Prince Hall! Thirty-four per cent of our membership should not be able to hold the other 66 per cent of us hostage. What other organization allows 34 per cent of its members to speak for 66 per cent of its constituency? It is time to change the light bulb and recognize Prince Hall!

In closing, it has been a joy traveling the state and meeting YOU. This is the first time I have really canvassed the state in all directions. I wish to publicly thank the twenty-seven lodges who hosted this year’s district meetings and every brother who attended. I want to publicly acknowledge the work of my district deputy grand masters and lecturers. You work hard and tirelessly. You are noble men. Thanks to each of you. To our Grand Secretary Walt Clapp, and his office staff and assistant, to the past Grand Masters, to our brothers and staff at the Masonic Home For Children at Oxford and WhiteStone, our Masonic and Eastern Star Community, I offer my sincere words of gratitude and affection. You honor Masonry well!

No doubt, this grand master has witnessed the best of Masonry across our great state. Each gathering was unique. I am truly grateful for the great display of hospitality and brotherly love extended me and the fraternity at each meeting. It remains my strong desire for us to best work and agree, for brotherly love to prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement. I want us to continue to strive to the EAST and work for the good of Masonry.

SO MOTE IT BE!

Grand Master Cash’s last Report to Board of General Purposes
November 22, 2008

Have you ever sat down and reflected back over your life and thought, “What have been the most significant and important events in my life?” I am referring to those life changing moments where God shaped and remolded you like clay on the potter’s wheel. I have just experienced such moments during this 2008 year in my life.

During the past year, I have sat at the table with people from over 153 different countries. I have witnessed the presence of God in so many different faces, places, cultures, and nationalities of people. I have experienced genuine brotherhood and sisterhood of people loving their neighbor as themselves. I have discovered that people all around the world want the same thing — to live in peace and harmony as one human race under the Fatherhood of Deity.

As grand master, I traveled almost 33,000 miles and made 231 personal appearances. I attended the World Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, DC, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Louisville, Kentucky, the annual grand lodge communications of South Carolina and New York, and the Southeastern Masonic Conference in Covington, Kentucky. I have written three executive orders, one concerning the Masonic Temple of Asheville, one concerning an individual Mason of Mt, Hermon Lodge No. 118 who I removed from office, and a final order concerning Grantham Lodge No. 725 in New Bern.

This is the last time I get to speak to you grand line officers as grand master. I offer my advice and what have I learned.

1. There’s no way in hell or heaven to adequately prepare for the job— financially or otherwise. The road to grand master is expensive, and there is no way to count all the costs!

2. The year comes and goes so quickly — programs & platforms are difficult to implement. I would encourage you as a group to look at strategic planning. For example:

A. Learn from Prince Hall. Why did it take so long? And then when passed, not sure what we passed?
B. Look at ways to better educate and communicate with the Brethren.

C. Lots of exciting and great things happening across the state, but we also have some very old and run down buildings and some sick lodges.

3. Walt kept saying — take time off. Listen to him even though I didn’t. Make time for family! For fun! Guard your Sundays! You deserve fun and rest!

4. Keep making Masonry fun! Advance — don’t maintain it! Don’t lose your passion for this great fraternity!

In closing, I was recently asked, “What were you thinking when you agreed to this?” Grand master is a full time volunteer job that took time away from family and church.

What was I thinking?

I was just thinking how God used Masonry to confirm my calling into the ministry.

I was just thinking about George Washington, Ben Franklin, John Hancock, Thurgood Marshall, Booker T. Washington, Winston Churchill, Henry Ford, Mark Twain, Rudyard Kipling, Mozart, John Philip Souza, Harry Truman, Red Skelton, Gerald Ford, Governor Jim Martin, Senator Sam Ervin, the Tom Gregorys, Rick Moores, the William Mathis, the Graham Perviers, Cliff Everetts, Jerry Tillets, Leonard Safrits, Gene Jernigans, you brothers around this table.

I was just thinking that God calls us to make this world a better place. I was thinking that when I stand before God to give a record of my life and actions, I pray God will say, “Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord. What was I thinking? I just want to be faithful!

And that is prayer, for each of you, my brothers!

Thanks you for the brotherly love and friendship you have afforded and extended me these last eight years.

I am a better man because of you and the other 47,000 in this state like you. Thank you for your brotherly love and support! I am extremely excited about Freemasonry here in North Carolina because of the outstanding leadership potential that I have already witnessed in each of you.

I can say with much gratitude and appreciation to each of you, “You have been faithful!”

So mote it be! So mote it be!

The following report of the Board of General Purposes on the distribution of the report of Past Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon and the interim report of Grand Master David R. Cash 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/WhiteStone, 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

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

The following resolution, sponsored by the undersigned lodges, was presented for vote.

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
St. John’s 1
Unanimity 7
Statesville 27
Kilwinning 64
Lafayette 83
Jerusalem 95
Franklin 109
Mt. Hermon 118
Hanks 128
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Wake Forest 282
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Campbell 374
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Pigeon River 386
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Grassy Knob 471
St. John’s 3
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Holly Springs 115
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King Solomon 138
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Corinthian 230
Catawba 248
Ashlar 373
Eureka 283
Harmony 299
Selma 320
Ashler 373
Granville 380
Jefferson Penn 384
Kedron 387
Joppa 401
University 408
Pendleton 418
Cliffside 460
Sonoma 472
A written ballot of the delegates was taken and resulted in adopting the Resolution, 642 in favor, 328 opposed.

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

The judge advocate has determined eight (8) matters for the preceding 12 months. These matters are summarized as follows:

Docket No. 767
Name: Brother RWL
Lodge: Hiram Lodge No. 98 AF & AM

Brother RWL was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he pled guilty to two felonies in Sampson County Superior Court (two separate counts of forgery). Brother RWL failed to respond to the allegations contained within the complaint. As such, they were deemed admitted. Consequently, on December 3, 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. 768
Name: Brother DRL
Lodge: Wendell Lodge No. 565 AF & AM

Brother DRL was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he pled guilty to a felony in Guilford County Superior Court (solicitation of child for sex by computer). Brother DRL failed to respond to the allegations contained within the complaint. As such, they were deemed admitted. Consequently, on December 3, 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. 769
Name: Brother RPE
Lodge: Oak Island Lodge No. 758 AF & AM

Brother RPE was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he pled guilty to two felonies in Brunswick County Superior Court (Sex Offense Institution and Crimes Against Nature). Brother RPE failed to respond to the allegations contained within the complaint. As such, they were deemed admitted. Consequently, on December 3, 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. 770
Name: Brother MLD
Lodge: Fallston Lodge No. 356 AF & AM

Brother MLD was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he was convicted of a felony in United Stated District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number; aid & abet). Brother MLD failed to respond to the allegations contained within the complaint. As such, they were deemed admitted. Consequently, on January 30, 2008, 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. 771
Name: Brother CVM
Lodge: Dunn’s Rock Lodge No. 267 AF & AM

Brother CVM was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he pled guilty to six (6) felonies in Transylvania Superior Court (all were statutory rape/sex offense with a minor). Brother CVM failed to respond to the charges. Consequently, on July 28, 2008, 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.
Brother TKB was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he pled guilty to a felony in United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (knowingly purchased US Postal Service Money Orders involving the proceeds of illegal gambling proceeds, and extortion, all under the color of law). Brother TKB failed to respond to the charges. Consequently, on July 28, 2008, 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.

Brother ALB was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he was convicted of a felony in Buncombe County Superior Court (Cheat – Property/Service). Brother ALB failed to respond to the charges. Consequently, on July 29, 2008, 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.

Brother RLS was accused of un-Masonic conduct, namely that he pled guilty to a felony in Graham County Superior Court (first degree murder). Brother RLS failed to respond to the charges. Consequently, on July 29, 2008, 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.

Petitions for Restoration

PDR (Docket No. 763), formerly an Entered Apprentice of Jefferson Penn Lodge No. 384, was expelled for un-Masonic conduct on May 5, 2007. He filed for restoration with the grand secretary May 28, 2007.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates deny the petition.
The delegates denied 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 2, 2008.

The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates approve the petition.
The delegates approved the petition.
MHD (Docket No. 413), formerly a member of Albemarle Lodge No. 703, was expelled for un-Masonic conduct on September 17, 1982. He filed for restoration with the grand secretary on June 27, 2008.

_The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates approve the petition._
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The delegates approved the petition._

BNH (Docket No. 664) Formerly a member of Hollis Lodge No. 535, was expelled for un-Masonic conduct on August 17, 1998. He filed for restoration with the grand secretary on June 19, 2008.

_The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates deny the petition._
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The delegates denied the petition._

TMW (Docket No. 657, formerly a member of Fulton Lodge No. 99, was expelled for un-Masonic conduct on October 6, 1997. He filed for restoration with the grand secretary on August 17, 2005. Fulton Lodge has waived the 90-day requirement for filing an application.

_The Committee on Appeals recommended that the delegates approve the petition._
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The delegates approved the petition._

**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:

**Proposed Amendments to The Code of 1995**

**Amendment Group 1**

_This amendment group would eliminate the requirement to read the minutes of emergent communications at the next stated communication._

**REG. 45-23 RULES OF ORDER IN LODGE.**

The following rules of order are for the government of subordinate lodges at their communications.

1. The lodge shall meet at the time and place specified in its by-laws, or in the call for the communication. After it has been opened, if the communication is stated, the record of its proceedings at the last stated and all intervening communications shall be read, the former to bring forward unfinished business and all of them as information to the members present. [45.21.1].

Submitted by Charles M. Setzer Lodge No. 693
The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following substitute amendment.

**Amendment Group 1 — Substitute Amendment**

**REG. 45-23 RULES OF ORDER IN LODGE.**

The following rules of order are for the government of subordinate lodges at their communications.

1. The lodge shall meet at the time and place specified in its by-laws, or in the call for the communication. After it has been opened, if the communication is stated, the record of its proceedings at the last stated and all intervening communications shall be read, or summarized the former to bring forward unfinished business and all of them as information to the members present. [45-21.1].

The Committee recommended that the substitute amendment be approved.
The delegates approved the substitute amendment.

**Amendment Group 2**

This amendment group would allow a lodge upon dispensation from the Grand Master and upon meeting liability requirements to allow alcohol to be served at a non-Masonic function for which the building was rented.

**REG. 43-3 LIMITATIONS.**

Some, but not all, of the limitations of powers and authority of a subordinate lodge are as follows. [4-2; 4-6].

... 3. A lodge shall not, by any pretext, or for any purpose, or by any subterfuge introduce intoxicating liquors or beverages, or permit their use as a beverage on any of its premises, during, or as a part of any Masonic function. Nor shall it rent any of its premises to any one who thereon sells or serves intoxicating liquors with the exception of a pharmacist without a dispensation from the Grand Master as provided in this section. [43-7; 86-2.30; 86-2.31].

4. No lodge shall authorize, sponsor, sanction, hold, conduct or permit to be held in the name of Masonry any Masonic related meeting or gathering, for business, social or any other purpose where alcoholic beverages are permitted, served or consumed as a part of such meetings or gatherings. Lodges may permit rental of their facilities provided a Dispensation from the Grand Master is obtained prior to the event. The request for Dispensation is to be sent to the Grand Secretary and must be accompanied by:

a. A copy of the rental agreement. Each lodge is free to develop its own agreement; however every agreement must contain indemnity language in a form lease as provided by the Grand Secretary.

b. A copy of the Certificate of General Liability of the Lessor naming the individual Lodge and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina as an additional insured with such limits as shall be from time to time provided by the Grand Secretary.

c. A copy of the Certificate of Alcohol Liability Insurance Coverage of the Lessor naming the individual Lodge and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina as additional insured, with such limits of coverage as shall be from time to time provided by the Grand Secretary.
All such requests for Dispensation must be made to allow ample time to review the request and permit action thereon. Any Lodge that allows the serving of alcohol without first obtaining the proper dispensation is in violation of the Code and members thereto risk suspension or expulsion.

Submitted by Hiram Lodge No. 40

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.
The delegates rejected the amendment group.

Amendment Group 3

This amendment group would forgive per capita tax for a member judicially determined incompetent and would also forgive that person’s lodge dues and would change all Code references from “insane” or “mentally disqualified” to “mentally incompetent.”

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 sum of fifteen dollars and for each member of the lodge at low twelve on December thirty-first. 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 and any member of a lodge whose dues have been remitted under Reg. 77-14.2. [5-1.1; 20-1; 81-1; 81-7].

... Submitting by Joppa Lodge No. 401

REG. 67-4 REPORT.

The Committee of Investigation shall make its report in writing as favorable or unfavorable unless they should find that the petitioner or applicant is not eligible or qualified as to territorial or personal jurisdiction or as to his physical condition, or other cause, except as to his moral qualifications, in which case they may make such further report as will enable the Master to decide upon the proper action to take on the petition or application under Regulation 67-6. [59-2.48; 62-2.3; 62-2.4; 66-2; Official Form 19].

7. When a petitioner for the degrees dies, or becomes insane mentally incompetent or otherwise disqualified before the ballot is taken, the fact shall be noted on the minutes of the lodge, and no further action shall be taken except to return the fee paid. [68-9; 59-2.48; 62-2.3; 62-2.4; 66-2; Official Form 19].

... Submitting by Joppa Lodge No. 401

REG. 75-1 RIGHT TO APPLY FOR AFFILIATION.

The right of every Master Mason in good standing to apply for membership in any regular lodge of his choice, wherever it may be located, shall be absolute. An application for affiliation may be received by a lodge regardless of the period or place of residence, whether in or outside of North Carolina, of the applicant at the time the application is filed. [42-12; 68-7; 76-3.6].

1. The right shall not apply to one who is insane mentally incompetent.

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REG. 71-7 DISABILITY SUBSEQUENT TO INITIATION.
If an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft shall suffer a physical impairment after receiving the degree, which could have disqualified him under Regulation 66-1.9 from receiving the first degree, he may be eligible for advancement if and when authorized by the Grand Master. He is not eligible for advancement if he becomes mentally disqualified. incompetent.

REG. 75-8 RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION.
No application for affiliation shall be received except at a stated communication, and not then unless the applicant shall have satisfied the Master that he is a Master Mason by the methods required for visitation. [42-12; 45-3.4.C; 75-2; 75-9; 76-3.6; Chapter 51].

2. If an applicant for affiliation shall die or become insane mentally incompetent before he is elected, no further action shall be taken except to note the fact in the minutes of the lodge, which action will end the proceedings. [59-2.12; 67-3.1; 68-2; 75-8; 75-11.1; 75-11.2; 75-11.3; 75-11.4; 75-11.5].

REG. 76-3 REQUIREMENTS.
A member may be granted an absolute demit when the following requirements are met.

6. An insane mentally incompetent brother shall not be granted a demit. [49-4.4; 75-1; 75-8; 76-2; 76-2.1; 76-3.7].

REG. 77-14 BROTHER UNABLE TO PAY.
A lodge should not exclude a member for nonpayment of dues when his failure to pay dues is wholly on account of his pecuniary inability, but it may do so.

2. An insane or mentally incompetent member of a lodge shall not be excluded for nonpayment of dues. No dues shall be charged by a lodge against a member who is, in the opinion of the Master and Wardens, insane incompetent. [77-13].

REG. 82-2 WHO MAY RECEIVE MASONIC RITES.
Only a Master Mason who at the time of his death was a member in good standing in a regular lodge and under no charges, shall be buried with Masonic rites. [59-2.43; 82-4; 87-5].

3. A lodge may hold a Masonic burial service over the remains of a brother who was insane mentally incompetent. [82-5].

A brother who died insane and who was a member of a lodge that is defunct, and who was insane mentally incompetent at the time the lodge became defunct may be given Masonic burial.

Submitted by Code Commission
The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.
The delegates adopted the amendment group.
Amendment Group 4

This amendment group would eliminate the requirement for two annual schools of instruction from The Code and give Board of Custodians control of setting the required number of Schools to be held each year.

REG. 29-9 DUTIES OF DISTRICT LECTURERS.
The duties of a District Deputy Grand Lecturer shall be as follows.

... 5. To arrange for and conduct Schools of Instruction in the ritualistic work in his district as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Custodians. Each lodge in the district shall actively participate in at least two Schools of Instruction each calendar year. Ritualistic work done in or by one lodge only shall not constitute a School of Instruction.

Submitted by Board of Custodians

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.
The delegates adopted the amendment group.

Amendment Group 5

This amendment would allow a local lodge to modify its by-laws to require disclosure of the reasons for two or fewer black cubes.

REG. 44-7 UNIFORM BY-LAWS.

Article 19

(Fourth Alternative Form)

SECTION If two or fewer black cubes are found on the examination of the ballot, the Master shall require the members casting the black cubes to rise and state their reasons. Once their reasons are stated, the Master shall inquire of the lodge whether the reasons stated are valid. The lodge, by show of hands, shall vote on the validity of the reasons stated. If a majority member present find the reasons valid, the ballot shall stand. (Royal White Hart Law of 1765).

REG. 68-3 PROCEDURE.

After the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Committee of Investigation have been received the ballot shall be taken as follows.

12. If the Master finds that the ballot is clear, or that there is more than one black cube, he shall ask the Wardens how they find the ballot and not until then, shall he proclaim the result. (If a lodge has enacted the “Royal White Hart Law of 1765” under special local provision Article 19 of lodge bylaws, pursuant to Chapter 44, that procedure shall be supplemented after and/or in place of the procedure set forth here.)

13. In case only one black cube appears, the Master shall not then declare the result but immediately at the same communication order a reballot
without discussion on the part of the members or any intervening act or business, the result of the reballot shall be declared, and it shall be final except as provided in Regulation 68-8. (If a lodge has enacted the “Royal White Hart Law of 1765” under special local provision Article 19 of lodge bylaws, pursuant to Chapter 44, that procedure shall be supplemented after and/or in place of the procedure set forth here.)

15. In any secret ballot white balls are affirmative votes and black cubes are negative votes. A unanimously favorable ballot of white balls shall be required to elect a petitioner or an applicant, or to adopt any proposition submitted to the secret ballot. (If a lodge has enacted the “Royal White Hart law of 1761” under special local provision Article 19 of lodge bylaws, pursuant to Chapter 44, that procedure shall be supplemented after and/or in place of the procedure set forth here.)

REG. 86-2 SPECIFIC MASONIC OFFENSES.
The following are specific Masonic offenses and, in certain instances, the penalty is specified. These shall not be construed as excluding any other Masonic offenses or un-Masonic conduct or penalties not specifically described or enumerated in this chapter or in other chapters of The Code.

6. To make known, declare, intimate, or indicate in any way the kind of ballot cast by oneself or by a brother, or to declare or indicate the number of favorable white balls, or unfavorable black cubes, ballots cast in a secret ballot on a petition or application, or purposely seeking to learn the kind of ballot cast by another, except if the lodge of which the Mason is a member has enacted the Royal White Hart Law of 1765 as part of its by-laws. Under this regulation it is obvious that it would be a Masonic offense to permit any statement or evidence to be offered at a trial as to the kind of ballot cast by a brother or the number of black cubes or white balls cast. The offense is the publication of his ballot. Penalty expulsion. (68-5).

Submitted by Jefferson Penn Lodge 384

Hickory Lodge No. 343 submitted the following substitute amendment.

Amendment Group 5 — Substitute Amendment

REG. 44-7 UNIFORM BY-LAWS.

Article 19

(Fourth Alternative Form)
SECTION—. When voting upon issues requiring the use of the ballot box (Petitions for the Degrees, Applications for Affiliation, Honorary or Life Memberships), if one black cube is found on the examination of the ballot, the Master shall destroy the ballot and require the members to ballot again, cautioning them that white balls elect, and black cubes reject and reminding them to vote for the good of masonry. If a single black cube is found after the second ballot, the Master shall not immediately announce the result, but shall require the person casting the black cube to communicate his reason for the negative
vote to the Master, who shall keep the identity of the person making the objection in
strictest confidence. At the next stated meeting, the Master shall reveal the reason given
for the negative vote, but not the identity of the member casting the black cube. The
Master will then ask the lodge to vote, by a show of hands, on the validity of the reason for
the black cube. The majority vote shall govern whether the candidate is elected.
If the brother casting the black cube does not present his reasons to the Master within
one week, the Master shall, at the next stated communication, declare the candidate
elected and the lodge shall proceed as if there had been no black cube cast.

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.
The delegates adopted the amendment group.

Amendment Group 6

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 and
subject to any changes under Amendment Group 3.

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 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 Finance Committee

The Committee on Finance withdrew the proposed amendment.

Amendment Group 7

This amendment would raise per capita tax from fifteen to seventeen dollars and
would be subject to any changes under Amendment Group 3.

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 sum of fifteen dollars and for each member of the lodge at low twelve on December thirty-first. 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]. (This subsection amended, effective 9/25/2004)

... Submitted by Finance Committee

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.
The delegates adopted the amendment group.
Amendment Group 8

This amendment group would allow lodges, at the discretion of the master, to conduct business on any degree. Entered apprentices and fellow craft would pay dues. This is a return to ancient custom.

REG. 45-8 QUORUM.
Seven Master Masons, members of the lodge, one of whom shall be authorized to open the lodge and preside, shall constitute a quorum to open the lodge on any degree and for the transaction of any business that may lawfully come before a Master Mason’s lodge. The Tyler, if a member of the lodge, may be one of the seven. [38-2; 39-11; 74-1; 87-3].

REG. 45-9 DEGREE ON WHICH LODGE OPENED.
All business shall be transacted in a Master Mason’s Lodge, except proficiency examinations and degree work in the first and second degrees, or the discipline of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts as provided in Chapter 100. Business may be conducted in a lodge opened on the first, second, or third degree at the discretion of the Master of the lodge.

1. A subordinate lodge shall be opened and closed on the degree of Master Mason in Due Form and on the first and second degrees in Form, except when the Grand Master opens and presides, then they shall be opened and closed in Ample Form. Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts may attend business meetings of the lodge provided the lodge is not opened on a degree higher than that which they have attained and provided that the Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts are not in default (Reference Reg. 73-6).

A. Only Master Masons shall be entitled to vote on a petition for the degrees, an application for affiliation, or an application for restoration.

B. An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall not be appointed or installed to any office.

2. Stated Communications conducted on the first or second degree shall be opened for the dispatch of business and closed until the next stated communication, unless sooner convened.

3. A subordinate lodge shall be opened and closed on the degree of Master Mason in Due Form and on the first and second degrees in Form, except when the Grand Master opens and presides, then they shall be opened and closed in Ample Form.

2-4. The representatives of the three Lesser Lights shall be lighted at all times when a lodge is open on the Degree of Entered Apprentice. It shall be optional whether they be lighted at any other time when the lodge is open. Their places shall be in a triangular position near the altar.

REG. 45-18 MASTER MASON’S LODGE CLOSED.
Every Master Mason’s lodge shall be closed until the next stated communication unless sooner convened. Lodges of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons shall be closed without date except as specified in REG. 45-9.2.
REG. 63-5 SECRET BALLOT.
Secret ballot shall be taken as follows. [87-17].

1. Wherever the term secret ballot is used in The Code, it shall mean the use of white balls and black cubes but not black balls, and with a ballot box so arranged that the character of an individual ballot shall not become known. [Chapter 68].

2. A motion to reconsider a secret ballot is illegal and shall not be entertained.

3. A written ballot is not a secret ballot.

4. A secret ballot when once commenced must be completed without interval or postponement.

5. Only Master Masons may vote in a secret ballot. [68-3.9; 68-3.13; 68-3.17; 68-3.18; 68-3.19].

REG. 64-3 FEE AND ONE YEAR’S DUES MUST ACCOMPANY PETITION.
No lodge shall receive any petition for the degrees unless the prescribed fee and dues for one year shall have been actually paid in full, in money, to the proper officer. No written or verbal promise to pay the same be received in lieu thereof.

REG. 68-1 RESTRICTIONS ON BALLOT.
No ballot shall be taken on a petition for the degrees, an application for affiliation, or an application for restoration at any other than a stated communication.

1. No ballot shall be taken in less than twenty-eight days from the time the petition or application was received by the lodge.

2. No ballot shall be taken until the report of the Grand Secretary has been received by the lodge.

3. No ballot shall be taken until a Committee of Investigation shall have reported thereon unless otherwise provided by law.

4. A secret ballot on any subject taken in violation of the law of this Grand Lodge is illegal and void.

5. Another secret ballot on the same subject shall not be taken until it has been authorized by the Grand Master, and then only at a stated communication.

6. Only Master Masons may vote in a secret ballot. [43-3.7; 45-3.4; 45-3.4.B; 45-3.4.C; 45-3.4.D; 59-2.12; 65-1; 63-5.5; 65-8; 65-9; 68-8; 68-11; 68-8.2; 73-3; 75-11.1; 78-2.2; 78-2.2.D; 78-2.2.E; 81-2; 101-6].

REG. 77-4 ONLY MASTER MASONS—ALL MEMBERS PAY DUES.
Only Master Masons—All members shall be liable for dues and subject to discipline for nonpayment thereof. The payment of dues is a specific obligation of each member.
REG. 82-2 WHO MAY RECEIVE MASONIC RITES.
Only a Master Mason who at the time of his death was a member in good standing in a regular lodge and under no charges, shall be buried with Masonic rites. [59-2.43; 82-4; 87-5].

Submitted by Blackmer Lodge 127 and Wilkerson College Lodge 760

The Committee, citing the complexity of the amendment group, recommended that the amendment group be tabled.

Grand Master Cash tabled the amendment.

Amendment Group 9
This amendment group eliminates redundancy in the requirements of the fifty and sixty year awards and allows discretion of pin design

REG. 80-3 FIFTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD.
The Grand Lodge has established a medal or emblem to be known as the Grand Lodge of North Carolina Veterans’ Emblem to be presented to Master Masons, members of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge who have been Master Masons in good standing for a total of at least fifty years or more preceding the date of the award. The cost of this medal, together with a suitable certificate, to be presented in the name of the Grand Lodge shall be borne by the Grand Lodge.

1. The cost of this medal, together with a suitable certificate, to be presented in the name of the Grand Lodge shall be borne by the Grand Lodge.
2. To entitle a brother to the Veterans’ Emblem, he must have been a Master Mason in good standing for a total of at least fifty years.
3. In the event he has been deprived of all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason because of demission, exclusion, suspension or expulsion, the time he was non-affiliated shall be eliminated in counting the years to arrive at the membership for fifty years. [87-5; 89-11].
4. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina Veteran’s Emblem shall be made of gold. The design shall be as shown in Regulation 89-11.

REG. 80-2 SIXTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD.
The Grand Lodge has established a Medal or Emblem to be known as the Grand Lodge of North Carolina Diamond Jubilee Veteran’s Emblem to be presented to Master Masons, members of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, who have been Master Masons in good standing for a total of at least sixty years or more preceding the date of the award. This medal together with a suitable certificate shall be presented in the name of the Grand Lodge and the cost thereof to be borne by the Grand Lodge.

1. This medal together with a suitable certificate shall be presented in the name of the Grand Lodge and the cost thereof to be borne by the Grand Lodge.
2. The Emblem to be of the same design as the North Carolina Veteran’s Emblem, except that the Emblem shall be platinum and if that metal is not available, white gold may be used, and the figures shall be 60 instead of 50. [13-1.2; 89-11].

Submitted by Grand Secretary

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence recommended that Appendix A be changed to read “The printed part of this form shall not be changed by the subordinate lodge.”

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.
The delegates adopted the amendment group.

Amendment Group 10

This amendment group would require lodges to remit $15.00 to the Grand Secretary for any restored member upon receiving payment of dues.

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.

3. The sum of fifteen dollars for each member restored after exclusion for NPD by the lodge.

Submitted by Grand Secretary
Grand Master Cash tabled the amendment for presentation at a later Annual Communication.

Amendment Group 11

This amendment would eliminate unneeded language from apron description.

REG. 89-2 MASONIC APRON.
The proper Masonic apron to be used in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be plain white without decorations of any kind, not larger than 15 x 17 inches made of lambskin, leather, or cloth. with white tie cords.

1. If the apron is lined, the lining shall be white. [89-3; 89-4; 89-6.2].

2. The apron to be presented to a candidate may be inscribed under the flap with his name, the dates he received the degrees, and the signatures of the Master and the Secretary.

Submitted by Grand Secretary

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.
The delegates adopted the amendment group.
Amendment Group 12

This amendment would remove 86-2.31 as Obsolete because it is covered under 86-2.30

REG. 86-2 SPECIFIC MASONIC OFFENSES.

The following are specific Masonic offenses and, in certain instances, the penalty is specified. These shall not be construed as excluding any other Masonic offenses or un-Masonic conduct or penalties not specifically described or enumerated in this chapter or in other chapters of The Code.

30. To manufacture, transport, sell, or possess intoxicating liquor in violation of the laws of the State of North Carolina or of the United States of America. Penalty expulsion. [43-3.3].

31. To own or keep what is commonly known as a liquor saloon, or to attend bar in a liquor saloon. A liquor saloon is defined under this section as a place where the main business is the sale of intoxicating liquors to be consumed on the premises, provided, it shall not be considered a Masonic Offense to operate a dining facility pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina where spirituous or intoxicating liquors are sold in strict conformity with the laws of the State of North Carolina. Penalty expulsion: Obsolete. [43-3.3] (print 86-2.30)

Submitted by Grand Secretary

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.
The delegates adopted the amendment group.

Amendment Group 13

This amendment group would clarify the date of a lodge’s annual meeting with a change to the lodge uniform by-laws.

REG. 54-1 ANNUAL ELECTION.

Each chartered lodge, annually at the first stated communication either in November or December, as provided in its by-laws under Article 8 Section 2, shall elect without nomination by written ballot from its members the elective officers. The lodge shall not elect officers by acclamation. [44-2.1; 44-7(Art.8); 45-2; 45-6; 45-3.4.A; 53-1; 53-1.1; 53-2; 54-3.1].

ARTICLE 8

SECTION 2. The annual communication of this lodge shall be held on the first stated communication in ____________________.

(The lodge shall select November or December for its annual meeting to elect its officers.)
By a majority vote at a stated communication the lodge may dispense with stated communications during either or all of the months of June, July, and August, and those falling on legal holidays, except the annual communication which shall be governed by The Code. [45-2].

Submitted by Grand Secretary

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.
The delegates adopted the amendment group.

Amendment Group 14

This amendment group would allow for objection to initiation in extreme cases, by reference to the Grand Master.

Reg. 73-3 OBJECTION TO INITIATION.

Obsolete. In the event any Master Mason in good standing shall believe he has good reason to object to the initiation of an Entered Apprentice, including reasons of moral turpitude, he shall make written petition to the Grand Master prior to the scheduled initiation, stating his reasons, with a copy to the Master of the Lodge. Action on the same shall be entirely in the discretion of the Grand Master.

REG. 13-4 RESTRICTIONS ON POWERS.
The Grand Master has no authority to:

10. Interfere with or set aside an objection to initiation: Obsolete

Submitted by the Code Commission

The Committee recommended that the amendment group be adopted.
The delegates adopted the amendment group.
Reg. 86-2 Specific Masonic Offenses.

The following are specific Masonic offenses and, in certain instances, the penalty is specified. These shall not be construed as excluding any other Masonic offenses or un-Masonic conduct or penalties not specifically described or enumerated in this chapter or in other chapters of The Code.

24. For a lodge to accept a petition of one who has been rejected within six months preceding the date of petition, and, in case of concurrent jurisdiction, to accept the petition of one who has been rejected by another lodge in the same concurrent jurisdiction within one year preceding the date of the petition: [70-1.2; 70-2].

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Second Day  
Called from Refreshment to Labor

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, September 20, 2007 at the Twin City Quarter in Winston-Salem by Grand Master David R. Cash. Prayer was offered by Grand Chaplain Christopher A. Fitzgerald.

Resolution Honoring Past Grand Master Leslie “Les” Holland Garner

Grand Master Cash summoned Past Grand Master Leslie “Les” Holland Garner to the podium and read the following Resolution of the Board of General Purposes. The resolution was approved by the delegates by standing ovation.

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina at its 221st Annual Communication, having been called into regular session by the Grand Master; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate and fitting that the Grand Lodge pause from time to time not only to pay honor, but to pay tribute and express its heartfelt appreciation to one of its senior members who has worked tirelessly and faithfully in the quarries of Free Masonry for more than 62 years and continues to do so at this Annual Communication;

WHEREAS, our Past Grand Master, Leslie Holland “Les” Garner who celebrated his 89th birthday on April 26, 2008, not only occupies a position of admiration and respect among the members of the Grand Lodge family, but also has engendered the brotherly love and affection of the Masonic Craft all across the length and breath of this Grand Jurisdiction and well beyond;

WHEREAS, as a member of America’s “Greatest Generation” who served with bravery and distinction during World War II in the Army Air Corps flying beyond the required number of missions over Germany and Italy during that world-wide conflict assisting America’s war effort in ridding the world of Nazism and Fascism and thereby continuously placing himself in harm’s way because his duty required it and his love for his country demanded it; and

WHEREAS, immediately upon his return home, he became a member of our Masonic fraternity, served as one of the first Masters of the newly created Crown Point Lodge 708, Greenville, North Carolina, which he was instrumental in establishing, later serving as District Deputy Grand Master, being appointed to the Grand Lodge Line by Most Worshipful, Bill Hooks in 1969, and elected Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina on April 21, 1976; and

WHEREAS, not only has Les Garner been a mainstay in St. James United Methodist Church, Greenville, North Carolina (which he helped form an organized and is one of the largest churches in Greenville), but also single handedly reorganized and reinvigorated the Kiwanis Clubs of North Carolina to a position of prominence in
the eastern part of our state, and has also been a strong and vocal advocate for East Carolina University and especially its athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, Les Garner now in his 89th year, well beyond the time most of our Masonic brothers of his generation have faded and or fading from the scene, continues to be active and visual in the affairs of this Grand Lodge as is especially evident by his love and devotion to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford, to which he has contributed generously, but also his long and active service since serving as Grand Master on the various committees of this Grand Lodge; however, his most enjoyable pursuit, along with his good friend and Masonic son, Jack Honeycutt and worshipful brother, Pete Franklin, has been the re-establishment and revitalization of the “Earl The Pearl” room, a long lost tradition of this Grand Lodge which, because of his extraordinary efforts and determination has emerged as a focal point for the social and historical perspective of this Grand Lodge—and continues to be so to this day;

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this Annual Communication acknowledge and commend of our beloved brother, Les Garner, for his continued devotion and love for our Craft and the betterment of our Masonic Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction. Ah, Les, we are not soon to see your like again.

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, September 20, 2008, 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 Finance
G. Glen Adams, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, presented the Committee’s recommendations for the 2009 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..................................................... Dan C. Rice, Bula 409
Deputy Grand Master................................. William L. Dill, St. John’s 3
Senior Grand Warden................................. Lewis R. Ledford, Statesville 27
Junior Grand Warden..............Robert E. Gresham Jr., Albemarle 703
Grand Treasurer .........................Clifton W. Everett, Crown Point 708
Grand Secretary.........................T. Walton Clapp III, Mystic Tie 237

Presentation of Montfort Medal

Grand Master Cash had Mitchell “Mickey” L. Spruill presented
at the East. There, he presented Brother Spruill the Joseph Montfort
Medal for his outstanding service to Masonry in North Carolina.

Presentation of Historic Artifact

Richard J. Smith of Pilot 493 and Wilkerson College 760 presented
the Grand Lodge a forty-shilling colonial North Carolina note from
the mid-1700s. The artifact has special historical significance to the
Masons of North Carolina because it bears the signature of Provincial
Grand Master Joseph Montfort who served as a Colonial treasurer.
The note is encapsulated in a museum mounted frame. It will be hung
with the Montfort Commission at the Grand Lodge headquarters.

Presentation of Harris-Dudley Honoree

Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III presented George Max Smith as
the 2008 winner of the Harris-Dudley Grand Secretary’s Award. Smith is
the secretary of Excelsior Lodge No. 261 in Charlotte. The Harris-Dudley
Award honors the state’s most outstanding lodge secretaries.

Past District Officers Recognized

The following men were honored with certificates recognizing
them as Past District Deputy Grand Master.

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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 15, 2008. The committee has received the following petition:

Petition for Charter

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

The subscribers hereto respectfully submit that, on the ninth day of October, CE 2007, a dispensation was issued by the Most Worshipful W. Berry Rigdon, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina for the establishment of a new lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at Broadway, North Carolina in the County of Lee, by the name of Friendship Lodge, and that said lodge has worked regularly since that time as appears from the transcript of its record and by-laws herewith presented.

They, therefor, now pray that a charter be granted to the said lodge, with the following officers, to wit: Brother John Joseph Bradley, master; Brother Ralph Mitchell Foard, senior warden; and Brother Douglas E. Womack, junior warden. And they do promise, as heretofore, a strict conformity to the edicts of the grand master, and to the Constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge.

Given under our hands on this the 12th day of August, CE 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
The Members of Friendship Lodge UD

The Committee met with the officers of Friendship 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 Friendship Lodge UD to be known as Friendship Lodge No. 763.

_The delegates to Annual Communication granted a charter for Friendship Lodge No. 763._

Respectfully submitted,
Carroll Melton, Chairman

**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 221st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Representatives from 337 chartered lodge present 1,021  
Grand Lodge officers present (elective and appointive) 13  
Past Grand Masters present (not counting Grand Treasurer) 16  
Members of boards, commissions, and committees present (not otherwise listed) 37  
District deputy grand masters present 33  
District deputy grand lecturers present 27  
Total voting members present 1,147

**Final Report of the Board of General Purposes**

The following final report of the Board of General Purposes was read and adopted including election and affirmation of variously named members of boards, commissions, and committees.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of General Purposes has held regular meetings pursuant to the provisions of The Code, such meetings having been held on December 1, 2007; March 14, 2008; June 20, 2008; and September 18, 2008. The December meeting was held at the Comfort Suites Hotel, Charlotte, North Carolina. The March and June meetings were held in the Grand Lodge Executive Office Building, Raleigh, North Carolina. The September meeting was held at the Winston-Salem Marriott, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

At each regular meeting of the Board, reports were made by the grand master, the grand treasurer, the grand secretary, the chairman of the Finance Committee, the president of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc., and by other members of the Board of General Purposes relative to the various activities of the Grand Lodge.

At the meeting on September 18, 2008, action was taken relative to the distribution of the Report of the Grand Master, the several sections of the same being referred to the appropriate board, committee, or commission.
Election of members of the Board Of Directors of WhiteStone

Pursuant to the provisions of their bylaws, the Board nominates the following members of the Boards of Directors of WhiteStone (Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Inc.), with terms expiring as indicated:

2011 – Gene T. Jernigan, PGM (Mingo 206)
2011 – Archie L. Jarrell IV (Andrew Jackson 576)
2011 – Dwight W. Crews (Bula 409)

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

Pursuant to the provisions of their bylaws, the Board nominates the following members of the Boards of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc., with terms expiring as indicated:

2011 – Tommy O. Eller (Eureka 283)
2011 – Edward A. Gaskins Jr (Wilmington 319)

Board of General Purposes

The grand master-elect nominates Thomas W. Gregory, PGM (Statesville 27) and William G. Mathis, PGM, (King Solomon 138) as members of the Board of General purposes for terms of three years expiring in 2010.

Representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

The grand master-elect nominates W. Berry Rigdon, PGM (Sonoma 472) as representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Representative to the Masonic Service Association

The grand master-elect nominates W. Berry Rigdon, PGM (Sonoma 472) as representative to the Masonic Service Association.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 35-1.1, the grand master-elect nominates James G. Martin Jr., (Phalanx 31) for a five-year term expiring 2013 as a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc.

Election of trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary’s Fund

Pursuant to the provisions of the Trust, the grand master-elect nominates Robert J. Dowen (James B. Green 735) and Cameron E. Shearon (Hiram 40) as trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary’s Fund.

Board of Custodians

The grand master-elect appoints Dwight M. Sigmon (Catawba 248) and D. Thomas Wiggans (Thomas M. Holt 492) as members of the Board of Custodians for terms three years expiring in 2011.

Committee on Appeals

The grand master-elect nominates H. Sean Boone (Bula 409) as a member of the Committee on Appeals for a term of five years, expiring in 2013.
Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 32-1, the Board nominates the following member of the Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities, with terms expiring as shown:

2011 – John David Cashion (Blue Ridge 435)

Election of members of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 34-1, the grand master-elect nominates the following members of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for terms expiring as shown:

2011 – William T. Hutchens Jr. (Knap of Reed 158)
2011 – John M. Smith (Fulton 99)
2011 – Johnny C. Surles (Zion 81)
2011 – Joseph G Faulkner (Albemarle 703)

Election of members of the Committee on Finance

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 34-3, the grand master-elect nominates the following members of the Committee on Finance for terms expiring as shown:

2011 – G. Glenn Adams (Whetstone 515)
2011 – Donald E. Kehler (Bula 409)
2011 – Jack L. Walters (James B. Green 735)

The Board of Publication of The North Carolina Mason

On nomination, duly seconded, Thomas, A. Pope Jr. (Stedman 730) was elected by the Board of General Purposes as a member of the Board of Publication for a term of five years, expiring in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
T. Walton Clapp III
Grand Secretary
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.

\[\text{David R. Cook, Jr.}\]

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.

\[\text{J. Walter Alsup Jr.}\]

Grand Secretary
Emergent Communications

of the

Grand Lodge Held During the Term

of

Grand Master David R. Cash
April 7, 2008
Raleigh

An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was held in the Raleigh Masonic Temple, Raleigh, North Carolina on Sunday, April 27, 2008, at 1:30 P.M. with the following present:

Grand Lodge Officers

Dan Rice .................................................. as Grand Master
Kenneth McDilda ................................. as Deputy Grand Master
Bruce Muhlheim .............................. as Senior Grand Warden
Ronald Page ....................................... as Junior Grand Warden
John Mahoney ................................. as Grand Treasurer
T. Walton Clapp III ......................... Grand Secretary
Cliford H. Henline Jr. ...................... as Senior Grand Deacon
Thomas Imler .................................. as Junior Grand Deacon
Howard V. Harrell Jr. ..................... as Grand Marshal
James Speight .................................. as Grand Steward
Chuck Rouse .................................. as Grand Steward
Anthony J. Houser ........................... as Grand Chaplain
Dewayne Stephens ............................ as Grand Tyler

Others present

Max Walker .................................................. DDGM
Ric Carter ...... Assistant Grand Secretary, Editor NC Mason
William L. Dill .................................... Senior Grand Warden
Robert Gresham ............................ Senior Grand Deacon
Clifton W. Everett Jr. (PGM) .............. Grand Treasurer
S. Frank Noble Jr. .............................. Past Grand Master
Leslie H. Garner .............................. Past Grand Master
L. R. Thomas Jr. .............................. Past Grand Master
Lester P. Martin .............................. Past Grand Master
Bunn T. Phillips Jr. ........................ Past Grand Master
Gerry Smith ............................. Past Grand Master
Leonard Y. Safrit Jr. ........................ Past Grand Master
William G. Mathis ......................... Past Grand Master

Right Worshipful Brother Dan Rice opened the Grand Lodge in ample form and announced that this emergent communication was
called to conduct Masonic graveside services for Most Worshipful Brother Ava Clarence Honeycutt, Past Grand Master, who passed away on April 24, 2008.

Ric Carter read the Tribute to Jack Honeycutt

Tribute to Ava Clarence Honeycutt.

Our Brother Jack Honeycutt.

Jack, we all played along with your favorite game. You’d chant, “You know what I like about you?”

We’d say, “What?”

You’d hit us with your grinning, wiseacre answer, “Not a dang thing.”

Jack, you know what we liked about you?

We liked that you were a tough old bird. Despite medical predictions on more than one occasion of your demise, your lives proved nearly as numerous as a cat’s nine though fewer than we would have preferred.

We liked that you were faithful and tenacious in your care for Margaret in her decline. It spoke of your strength of love and devotion to others.

Jack, you know what we liked about you?

We liked that you were named for your favorite dog. Your story was that the family cook nicknamed you. She said they should just call you Jack, since you were always there when someone called your constant companion and friend Jack, the dog. They did just that.

We liked that you were an old-time Mason flexible enough to embrace change. While you thrived in the earlier days of the fraternity, you knew where the Craft should go and not only accepted it, but publicly declared your leadership in urging the course.

Jack, you know what we liked about you?

We liked that you were North Carolina Freemasonry’s welcome wagon. You were a terrific host. Your guiding light commemorated the path set by Earl the Pearl Noe, and you preserved North Carolina’s name as the grandest of Masonic hosts. You helped keep North Carolina a top Masonic destination among Masons in far flung jurisdictions.

We liked that you made made us smile and laugh and enjoy our Masonry.
Jack, you know what we liked about you?
Just about every dang thing. God speed, Brother.

Grand Master: 1982
Master Mason: June 17, 1953 – April 24, 2008
Lived well: March 16, 1925 – April 24, 2008

The purpose for which this emergent communication was called, having been accomplished, the minutes were read and approved. The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Funeral services were held at the Samaria Baptist Church in Raleigh. The graveside service was conducted at the Montlawn Cemetery, Raleigh, North Carolina by Bunn T. Phillips Jr. (PGM). Pallbearers were: Leslie Garner (PGM); Pete Franklin; Clifton W. Everett, Jr. (PGM); Leonard Safrit Jr. (PGM); Gerry T. Smith (PGM); Don Jordan; Ric Carter; and T. Walton Clapp III.

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Late Orders of Grand Master David R. Cash

The following orders were issued by Grand Master David R. Cash after the 2008 Annual Communication. They were acted on at the 2009 Annual Communication as indicated. They are included here to simplify historical and jurisprudence searches.

Cash Order No. 1

RE: Masonic Temple Company of Asheville Board of Directors

Having received the final report of my special appointee, William L. Mills III, concerning the Masonic Temple Company of Asheville, I am greatly troubled that the report affirms my suspicion. The Masonic Temple Company is faced with serious and irreconcilable conflict and division among the present Board of Directors. There is evidence of poor management and leadership by many, not just a few individuals. The lack of brotherly love has become apparent. An attitude of “who can best work and agree” is beyond reproach and repair. And given the fact that the present Masonic Temple Company will cease to exist in the year 2010,

NOW; THEREFORE, IT IS MY ORDER:

That the existing Masonic Temple Company sign over immediately, this date, all rights of ownership and assets to a New Temple Company in accordance with the standard forms for Masonic Temple Companies, promulgated by the Lodge Service Commission, with appropriate modifications to accommodate the unique situation created by the existence of the parties involved, i.e., the Scottish Rite Valley of Asheville, Mount Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 118, and the York Rite Bodies of Asheville.

Given under my hand and seal at Kannapolis, NC, this the sixth day of October, 2008.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence recommended that the delegates approve the order.

The delegates approved the order.

Cash Order No. 2

RE: New Masonic Temple Company of Asheville Newly Appointed Board of Directors

Having been afforded all rights of ownership and assets from the former Masonic Temple Company of Asheville, and in accordance with the standard forms for Masonic Temple Companies, promulgated by the Lodge Service Commission, with appropriate modifications to accommodate the unique situation created by the existence of the parties involved, i.e. the Scottish Rite Valley of Asheville, Mount Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 118, and the York Rite Bodies of Asheville,

NOW; THEREFORE, IT IS MY ORDER:

That you adopt Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws that provide for a fifteen-member Board of Directors, eight members elected by the Scottish Rite Valley of Asheville, six members elected by Mount Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 118, and one member elected by the York Rite Bodies of Asheville.

That prior to the election of ANY member(s) to the Masonic Temple Company, the sitting grand Master must approve EACH nominee of said Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies, and Mt. Hermon Lodge for the period of time extending now through the year 2013.

Given under my hand and seal at Kannapolis, NC, this the sixth day of October, 2008.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence recommended that the delegates approve the order.

The delegates approved the order.
Cash Order No. 3

Attention: WEB, Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 118

I am greatly troubled by your actions and written communication in the recent months. You have not always acted in the best interest of brotherly love and Masonry. I refer to your email on March 20, 2008 to Judge Advocate Hicks in which you used language unbefitting a Master Mason. Such verbiage reflects a lapse of morality.

In another email dated August 1, 2008, you chose to confront Brother KK in a way and manner that, in my judgment, has brought reproach upon that brother and the craft. You chose not to confront this brother one-on-one as in an act of brotherly love, but copied the email to several members of Mount Hermon Lodge. You over-stepped your authority by speaking for the worshipful master and other members. Un-Masonic conduct, misconduct, and conduct which brings reproach upon the brother or upon the Craft are listed as offenses in Regulation 58.1 of our Code that warrant suspension from an office of leadership.

NOW; THEREFORE, IT IS MY ORDER:

WEB be suspended immediately from his office of leadership in Mount Hermon Lodge No. 118 and is prohibited from holding office in any subordinate lodge in North Carolina for a period of five years from this date.

Given under my hand and seal at Kannapolis, NC, this the sixth day of October, 2008.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence recommended that the delegates approve the order.

The delegates approved the order.

Cash Order No. 4

Dear Brother Guy H. Hawkins, Master Grantham Lodge No. 725

The grand secretary delivered to me information involving your lodge members. An entered apprentice from your lodge had received the ritual from our OSW completely translated and transcribed. The catechism had been left by the entered apprentice at his place of employment, found by co-worker, who forwarded it to District Deputy Grand Lecturer Rainear. Upon investigation by the judge advocate and the deputy grand master elect, further breeches in morality occurred through false stories and willful lying.

I am encouraged by the new-found spirit of rejuvenation and Masonic commitment in Grantham Lodge. I applaud you upon the election of new officers and the brethren that have reconnected to Masonry. I am pleased to learn of the positive attitudes and new directions emerging. As a result of your efforts and our investigation, I sincerely believe arresting your charter will not serve your best interests or the best interests of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

However, I remain very disappointed with the events and circumstances that resulted great harm to our order. Grantham Lodge fell victim to apathy and a lack of leadership. Three individuals have been identified as having purposely violated their obligations and the provisions of The Code. There is evidence of additional un-Masonic conduct as well as supplanting reproach upon our fraternity.

NOW; THEREFORE, IT IS MY ORDER:

That JTH and BDS Jr. are suspended from every elective and appointive office and committees in Grantham Lodge No. 725, effective immediately.

I hereby direct the judge advocate to immediately initiate proceedings against JTH, BDS Jr. and GRH III and that they be put upon trial immediately according to the provisions of The Code.
That Grantham Lodge No. 725 complete a fifteen-hour lecture service by March 31, 2009. You shall incur all expenses in fulfillment of this requirement. Failure to complete this clause by the prescribed time shall be cause to arrest the charter of the Grantham Lodge.

I prefer this action to promote education and advance your new beginnings. I seek to establish a solid foundation for the future of Masonry in Grantham Lodge. Let the light, zeal, and love for our fraternity shine forth!

Given under my hand and seal at Kannapolis, NC, this the thirteenth day of November, 2008.

*The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence recommended that the delegates approve the order.*

*The delegates approved the order.*
September 20, 2008
Acceptance of Election as Grand Master
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Remarks by Grand Master-Elect David R. Cash

My Brothers,

I am humbled and overwhelmed by the honor you have just reposed with your election of me to the office of Grand Master of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

I know that my trust being in God, my faith is well founded.

I accept this vote as the will of God and look forward to serving our Great Architect and serving with you in this great fraternity.

I acknowledge the works and dedication of the past grand masters in this audience and the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors in that celestial home above.

I appreciate Grand Master Berry Rigdon extending me this privilege to introduce my platform for the coming year.

All of us here qualify as men of good report, are well qualified, and highly recommended. Every one of us has made suitable proficiency in the degrees of Masonry.

Therefore, my platform is one that I am borrowing from the motto of our great state of North Carolina—ESSE QUAM VIDERI—a Latin term which means “To Be Rather than to Seem.”

As Masons, I am asking each one of us to step up to the challenges that we have heard so frequently inculcated and so forcibly recommended in the Lodge — friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

In our Great Light, Our Divine Master commanded these words in book of Micah, Chapter 6, verse 8, “He has told you, o mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”

To do Justice.
To love kindness.
To walk humbly with your God.

My Brothers, ESSE QUAM VIDERI. I challenge each of us To Be A Mason Rather than To Seem as one.

ESSE QUAM VIDERI--This is my platform for the year.

I am soliciting each mason in each lodge to a year of FUN RAISING.

WAIT! You may have heard WRONG!
Don’t start throwing the rotten eggs and cabbages yet!
I said FUN — F-U-N — no “D”!
I want us to focus our ESSE QUAM VIDERI on RAISING F-U-N...
FUN!
When I say F, what’s the “F” word you usually think about? RIGHT! I should not have asked a bunch of men that question!
Well, we do end our meetings by thanking God for this friendly and social intercourse! Anyway...
The “F” words in Masonry are FRATERNITY! FRIENDSHIP!
We need to raise and better employ the meaning of these words.
Often times, as I am sitting in a lodge, someone will give the name of a sick and distressed brother or mention one’s name, and somebody will say, “WHO DID HE SAY? WHO IS THAT?”
We need to raise and better employ our ties of brotherly love — FRATERNITY! FRIENDSHIP!
During 2008, I want us to work to enhance our fraternity, friendship, —“F” WORDS!
I want us to focus on the “U” words--like UNITY!
When I gather with a group of Masons, one of the most frequent things I hear...and I quote this... “THE DAMN GRAND LODGE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!”
I interpret that to mean that you are referring to us gathered here at the front, the ones of us wearing these morning suits — your grand line officers.
Well, I can tell you, the same quote has been made in reference to you.
And the irony is...that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is made of more than 47,000 Masons. YOU AND I—WE ARE THE GRAND LODGE!
And the truth is that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has faced several stressful and dividing issues in the last few years... and I am not just talking about Prince Hall. I am talking about declining membership and participation in the lodges. I am talking about our individual, our personal lives with family struggles, financial downsizing at home, and in the company. I am talking gas prices, hot and drought-like environment, about 9-11, terrorism, the Iraq War, the stress and demands of our 21st century culture.
Masons have become polarized by many things.
Grand Lodge Masons of North Carolina, we need to rebuild our friendship, morality, and brotherly love. We need to work toward
UNITY — of who can best work and agree!
Brotherly love must prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

THE GREATEST “U” WORD — US!
There’s too much THEY AND THEM and not enough US!
“U” words---UNITY! US!
And, in closing, the “N” part of fun.

If we are truly to embrace the principles of our fraternity, of friendship, if we are going to strive for unity...IT HAS GOT TO BE MORE THAN “F” “U”!
We got to have THE “N” Words!
Every Mason in our Grand Lodge is NEEDED AND NECESSARY!

Every Mason is more than just a NUMBER on a dues card!
EVERY BROTHER is NEEDED AND NECESSARY!
BROTHER SENIOR WARDENS IN THE AUDIENCE — would you please stand?

I look forward to serving as master with you in the year 2008.
And yes, I confess, I do feel somewhat overwhelmed and SCARED too!

“Being master” is an awesome responsibility on all levels.
As your 2008 grand master, I want to serve with you, not over you!

I want to challenge each of us—ESSE QUAM VIDERI!
I want to encourage you to be in prayerful thought about next year.

You can’t wait until 2008 to decide what you are going to do and what kind of master you are going to be.

I want to encourage you to pray first, then to plan and assemble an executive committee of the upcoming officers, and begin exploring ideas, and ways to RAISE FUN during 2008 in your lodges.

Senior wardens, please remain standing,
District deputy grand masters, sitting and newly appointed, will you please stand?
Thank you for what you do for the cause of Masonry.
I want to encourage you to also work to RAISE FUN during 2008.

I want you to travel around your district and listen for things that lodges are doing, and then share that news via email and official visits
with the other lodges! I want you to be active and visible. I hope you will get to know every Mason in your district.

AND NOW, I’d like to ask all of you, MY BROTHERS, to stand. ESSE QUAM VIDERI!
Do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

In closing, I’d like to challenge each of you with these questions and I’d like for you to respond.

My Brothers,
Are you a Master Mason?
I am.
What makes you a Master Mason?
My Obligation!
WHAT INDUCED YOU TO BECOME A MASTER MASON?
That I might receive more wages, and be thereby the better enabled to support myself and family, and contribute to the relief of distressed brother Master Masons, their widows, and orphans.

My Brothers, I challenge you — ESSE QUAM VIDERI!
Let US work together to RAISE FUN during 2008.

Let us pray,

Supreme Architect of the universe, Your word teaches us that where two or more are gathered in your name, you will be in the midst of them and bless them. In your presence, we seek the outpouring of your Holy Spirit on each of us. That we may serve you uprightly in our several stations before You and one another. We desire your blessing and protection upon this great fraternity and upon each individual Mason. Remind us of our duties, to love Thee supremely with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our brother as ourself so that at the end of our toilsome journey; when the working tools have fallen from our mortal hands, and we stand naked and alone before your great White Throne, may it be our portion to hear from you, Who sitteth as Judge Supreme, the welcome words, “Well done, thy good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord, into the city and temple of our God, into that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

SO MOTE IT BE!

AMEN!

LET US RAISE FUN in 2008, My BROTHERS!
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Concord 58 (9)
Taboro
1601 Barlow Road
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Hartwell Hight Fuller Jr.
S-Ervin Ray Rogister

Perseverance 59 (3)
Plymouth
703 NC Hwy 32 S.
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Brian Keith Phelps
S-Harrison Waylon Phelps

Kilwinning 64 (29)
Wadesboro
S. Greene Street
2 Thursday
M-Chesley McAulay Greene
S-Wayne Kelley Sexton

Widow’s Son 75 (1)
Camden
106 N. Hwy 343
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Richard Francis Seymour
S-Michael Edward Albertson

Greensboro 76 (23)
Greensboro
426 W. Market Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-John Benjamin Miles Jr.
S-Carl Ray Hall

Zion 81 (7)
Trenton
108 E. Lakeview Drive
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Franklin Lane Eubank
S-Tony Randell Hawkins

LaFayette 83 (4)
Jacksonville
305 Chaney Avenue
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-James Patrick Fitzgibbons
S-Robert Preston Savacool

Fellowship 84 (16)
Smithfield
907 S. Bright Leaf Blvd.
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Jack Bryan Wooten III
S-Paul Devon Dorman

Morning Star 85 (9)
Nashville
220 Barnes Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-John Alfred Tyson
S-Ralph Milton Howell Jr.

Skewarkee 90 (5)
Williamson
610 N. Smithwick Street
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M-James Leroy Williams Jr.
S-David Lawrence Hughes

Western Star 91 (38)
Rutherfordton
329 S. Main Street
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M-John Albert J. Byrd Jr
S-John Thomas Rutland

Jerusalem 95 (6)
Hookerton
201 N. Main Street
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M-Vann Ray Cranford
S-Charlie Leonard Hall

Millbrook 97 (14)
Raleigh
2400 New Hope Road
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Richard C. Matlack Jr
S-Nelson Lee Henthorne

Hiram 98 (11)
Clinton
213 Fisher Drive
1 Tuesday
M-Harry Davis Sinclair
S-Dulton Wayne Mayo

Fulton 99 (28)
Salisbury
401 N. Fulton Street
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M-David Allan Hines II
S-Eric Bruce Mason

Columbus 102 (20)
Pittsboro
121 East Street
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S-Mitchel Eugene Mann

Orr 104 (3)
Washington
116 E. Third Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Andreas August H. Ols
S-Charles Brown McFadden

Perquimans 106 (1)
Hertford
128 N. Church Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Philip Ray Johnson
S-Cecil Edward Winslow

Franklin 109 (4)
Beaufort
204 Turner Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-James Edward Tyson Jr.
S-Orville Lee Jones

Wayne 112 (10)
Goldsboro
2301 Norwood Avenue
1 & 3 Monday
M-Richard Matthew Grady
S-Willis K. Whichard Jr

Person 113 (19)
Roxboro
Leasburg Road
2 & 4 Tuesday
2 Tuesday December
M-Shella Russell Bray Jr.
S-Charles Woodard Boyette

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Lumberton
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S-Kerry Nils Hayer

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Southport
201 E. Nash Street
3 Tuesday
M-Richard Devon Singeltary
S-John Alfred Richards

Lee 253 (30)
Taylorsville
108 Second Avenue, SW
2 & 4 Monday
M-Walter Lee Hines
S-Frederick Lee Barkley

Kenly 257 (16)
Kenly
500 W. Second Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Brandon Edward Scott
S-Thomas R. Jackson Jr.

Waynesville 259 (40)
Waynesville
508 Marshall Street
1 Monday
M-Harold Dean Messer

Excelsior 261 (32)
Charlotte
3900 Litchfield Road
1 Monday; 2 Monday Sept.
M-Brian Dennis Gross
S-George Max Smith

Hibriten 262 (34)
Lenoir
106 N. Main Street
1 Thursday
M-Steven Wayne Tolbert
S-Wayne Douglas Walker

Gaston 263 (36)
Dallas
212 S. College Street
2 Monday
M-David Martin Kahler Jr.
S-Michael Lee McGinnis

Farmington 265 (27)
Farmington
149 Cemetary Road
2 Monday
M-David Erik Wentz
S-Craig Philip Steelman

Dunn’s Rock 267 (38)
Brevard
174 E. Main Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Terry Kieth Mann
S-Keith Dunn Harbin

Tabasco 271 (23)
Gibsonville
207 E. Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-John Richard Smith
S-Millard Calvin Young

Bingham 272 (22)
Mebane
307 E. Center Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Rodney Loy Weaver
S-Albert Ross Thompson II

Beaver Dam 276 (29)
Marshville
Corner Hwy 74 E. and E. Main St.
2 Tuesday
M-George Horace Edwards
S-Charles Strong Boyce Jr.

Green Level 277 (15)
Apex
8427 Green Level Church Rd
1 Tuesday
M-Tommy Reavis Mills Jr.
S-Michael Thomas Prince

Rehoboth 279 (11)
Rose Hill
101 NE Railroad Street
2 Monday
M-Dalton Lane Rouse
S-J. Jefferson Murray Jr.

Wake Forest 282 (14)
Wake Forest
220 Wait Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
2 Tuesday December
M-Berry Lee Miller Jr.
S-David Earl Davis

Eureka 283 (28)
China Grove
604 E. Church Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Robert Anthony F. Tho
S-Joe Cabell Summerlin Jr.

Greenville 284 (6)
Greenville
1104 Charles Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Herbert Walton Wheless
S-Peter Edward Whelless

Salem 289 (26)
Winston-Salem
34 Miller Street
1 Tuesday
M-Ronnie Edward Bailey
S-Clifford Thomas Pranke

French Broad 292 (39)
Marshall
S. Main Street
1 Monday
M-Frank Ronald Reece
S-Lee Everett Wallin

Vance 293 (39)
Weaverville
633 Old Mars Hill Hwy
3 Monday
M-Earl Maurice Kuykendall
S-Edward Lee Hamlin

Atlantic 294 (3)
Swanquarter
Court House Square
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Richard Barrott Dunbar
S-Hal Gray Swindell

Stonewall 296 (5)
Robersonville
20013 NC 903
3 Monday
M-Henry Carson Norman
S-James Russell Carson

Harmony 299 (30)
Harmony
144 E. Memorial Hwy
2 Monday
M-James William Smith
S-William Jerry Campbell

Aurora 300 (7)
Aurora
W. Main Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Gene Autry Williamson Jr.
S- Garland Lee Lewis

Clay 301 (41)
Hayesville
104 Sanderson Street
3 Monday
M-George Ramon Laucirica
S-William H. Dietrich Jr.
Lillington 302 (20)  
Lillington  
909 S. Main Street  
2 Monday  
M-Ronnie Ray Stanley  
S-Dean Sutton Byrd  

Pleasant Hill 304 (10)  
Deep Run  
4545 Mark N. Smith Road  
2 & 4 Thursday  
M-Kenneth Durwood Tyndall  
S-Richard Corbitt Stroud Jr.  

Laurinburg 305 (21)  
Laurinburg  
445 Atkinson Street  
1 & 3 Tuesday  
1 Tuesday April & December  
M-Thomas F. Delano Rogers  
S-Richard Joseph Best  

Raeford 306 (21)  
Raeford  
900 E. Palmer Avenue  
2 & 4 Tuesday  
M-Donald Ray Randol  
S-Robert Edward Vaughn II  

New Lebanon 314 (1)  
South Mills  
106 McBride Street  
2 Tuesday  
M-Ted Dorsey Brooks Jr.  
S-Michael Allen Burnham  

Eureka 317 (1)  
Elizabeth City  
218 S. Hughes Blvd.  
1 & 3 Tuesday  
1 Tuesday June-August  
M-William Anthony Temple  
S-Julian Harrell Copeland  

Wilmington 319 (12)  
Wilmington  
2910 College Street  
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M-Edward Nance Hill  
S-Edward A. Gaskins Jr.  

Selma 320 (16)  
Selma  
405 N. Pollock Street  
1 & 3 Tuesday  
M-Everitt Craig Jones III  
S-Gary Anthony Jones  

Granite 322 (25)  
Mount Airy  
212 Franklin Street  
3 Tuesday  
M-Jonathan Gordon Jolley  
S-Stephen Curtis Gross  

Fairview 339 (35)  
Kings Mountain  
806 Landing Street  
2 Monday  
M-Norman Ernest Smith  
S-Jeffrey Webb Ward  

Harmony 340 (10)  
Pikeville  
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M-Randy Joe Foy  
S-Richard Cummings Lewis  

Hickory 343 (34)  
Hickory  
30 Catawba Valley Blvd, SE  
1 & 3 Monday  
M-Jesse David Abernethy  
S-Kevin Dale Johnson  

Nona F. Reid 344 (23)  
High Point  
3202 N. Main Street  
2 Monday  
M-Thomas Jerome Welch  
S-Horace Gene Briggs  

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Albemarle  
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S-James Alan Burris  

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S-Cecil Ray Lee  

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102 Kendrick Street  
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S-John Wayne Self  

Bakersville 357 (37)  
Bakersville  
789 Hwy 226 N.  
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S-Howard Brian Garland  

Mount Vernon 359 (7)  
Oriental  
602 Ragan Road  
2 & 4 Tuesday  
M-Eugene Broughton  
S-Willard Thomas Huff  

Snow 363 (33)  
Boone  
240 Temple Drive  
1 & 3 Monday  
M-Thomas B. Redmond Jr.  
S-Frank Edmond Guy  

Gastonia 369 (36)  
Gastonia  
214 South Street  
2 Friday  
M-Randy Lee McClure  
S-Richard Jenkins Clanton  

Ashler 373 (33)  
Deep Gap  
10438 Hwy 427  
4 Monday  
2 Monday December  
M-Dis Henderson Wellborn  
S-Richard Knox Sloop  

Campbell 374 (30)  
Troutman  
130 E. Church Street  
2 & 4 Thursday  
M-Timothy Allen Jones  
S-Joseph Henry Brantley  

State Line 375 (35)  
Grover  
115 Mulberry Street  
2 Tuesday  
M-Robert Alan Gates  
S-William Royce Peeler  

Youngsville 377 (13)  
Youngsville  
110 W. Main Street  
3 Thursday  
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S-Harold Arthur Strother
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Seaboard 378 (5)
Seaboard
301 S. Main Street
1 Monday
M-Frederick Murray Hill
S-Reid Vick Harris II

Copeland 390 (25)
Dobson
906 Copeland School Road
2 Thursday, December 27
M-Marvin Lee Spicer Jr.
S-Dempsey Bailey Brewer Jr.

University 408 (19)
Chapel Hill
1211 E. Franklin Street
3 Monday
M-David Fredric Goldston
S-William Steel Towne

Coharie 379 (11)
Salemburg
4175 Honeycutt Road
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Stokes Dean McKoy
S-Tommy Worth Tew

Lebanon 391 (17)
Hope Mills
1 Thursday
3333 Golfview Drive
M-Benjamin Franklin Clark
S-Marvin Ledford Wood Jr.

Bula 409 (22)
Burlington
1307 S. Main Street
2 & 4 Monday
2 Monday December
M-Roger Dale Stutts
S-Donald Edward Kehler

Granville 380 (13)
Wake Forest
686 Woodland Church Road
2 Thursday
M-Glen Adam Darch
S-Joseph Pettigrew Price Sr.

Orient 395 (12)
Wilmington
1312 Shipyard Blvd.
1 Thursday
M-Frederick Kicklighter Sess
S-Henry Scott Kennedy Jr.

Forest City 381 (38)
Forest City
153 Wilkie Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-David Lionel Cochran
S-Dewey Herman Webb

Pigeon River 386 (40)
Canton
382 Champion Drive
2 Thursday
M-James Lloyd Moss
S-Dean Marshall Smith

Bald Creek 397 (37)
Swiss
8760 US Hwy 19 E.
2 Thursday
M-Fredrick Charles Buck
S-Robert Michael Swann

Jefferson Penn 384 (22)
Reidsville
110 N. Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Brandon Scot Allen
S-Robert Kessler Turner

Joppa 401 (34)
Old Fort
54 Catawba Avenue
2 & 4 Monday
M-Gerald Pearson Biggs
S-Carroll Roy Melton

Forest City 381 (38)
Forest City
153 Wilkie Street
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Siler City 403 (20)
Siler City
114 S. Third Avenue
1 & 3 Thursday
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S-William Harrison Elder

Pigeon River 386 (40)
Canton
382 Champion Drive
2 Thursday
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Denton 404 (27)
Denton
Corner S. Main St. & Peacock Ave.
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Edward Benn Fleming
S-Marion Kirby Matthews Jr.

Friendship 388 (35)
Boiling Springs
722 McBryer Homestead Rd
4 Monday
2 Monday December
M-Jack Nevins Blanton Jr.
S-Allen James Tate

Ocean 405 (4)
Morehead City
204 S. 18th Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-James William Young II
S-James Shelton Hall

University 408 (19)
Chapel Hill
1211 E. Franklin Street
3 Monday
M-David Fredric Goldston
S-William Steel Towne

Kedron 387 (38)
Hendersonville
229 Fifth Avenue W.
1 & 3 Monday
3 Monday September
M-Broward Paul Davis
S-Charles Edward Holcomb

North Wilkesboro 407 (33)
North Wilkesboro
203 Temple Street
2 Monday
S-Tony Allen Lyall

Bailey 411 (9)
Bailey
6140 Main Street
2 Monday
M-Donnie Kay Dew
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Henry F. Grainger 412 (13)
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105 W. College Street
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Maxton 417 (18)
Maxton
123 S. Florence Street
1 Monday
M-Samuel Thomas Smith
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Denton 404 (27)
Denton
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1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Edward Benn Fleming
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Pendleton 418 (5)
Pendleton
Britt Road
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Johnny Love Reynolds Jr.
S-Philip Andrew Williams

Harmon 420 (25)
Yadkinville
3229 Ray T. Moore Road
3 Thursday
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S-Henry Thomas Banks

Saluda 482 (38)
Saluda
662 Ozone Drive
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Howard Mitchell Redmon
S-Oscar Wilson Harbin Jr.

Southern Pines 484 (21)
Southern Pines
220 W. Broad Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-William Cutter Anderson
S-Frank David Wanko

Lawndale 486 (35)
Lawndale
Piedmont Drive
2 Thursday
M-Joe Donald Peeler
S-Douglas Anthony Beaver

Rich Square 488 (5)
Rich Square
306 E. Jackson Street
2 Thursday
M-William Benjamin Ivey
S-Arthur Lee Horton

Linville 489 (37)
Newland
200 Pineda Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-William Pink Clark
S-Tommy Lee Singleton

Homyiny 491 (39)
Candler
38 Old Pisgah Hwy
2 Tuesday
M-James B. Whiteside Jr.
S-David Claude Clontz

Thomas M. Holt 492 (22)
Graham
205 Johnson Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-James Norman Ross
S-Maxwell English Way

Pilot 493 (25)
Pilot Mountain
689 Key Street
2 Monday
M-Jesse Thomas Shelton
S-Albert Frans Meijboom

Rockingham 495 (21)
Rockingham
1107 Fayetteville Road
1 & 3 Monday
M-Victor Todd Shepherd
S-Douglas Harvey Smith

Mooresville 496 (30)
Mooresville
114 Institute Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
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S-Paul Edward Cook

Littleton
US 158 W., McPherson Complex
2 & 4 Monday
M-George Ovid Hux III
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Ayden 498 (6)
Ayden
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3 Tuesday
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Creedmoor 499 (13)
Creedmoor
Main Street
2 & 4 Monday
2 Monday December
M-Harvey Michael Oakley
S-Steven Anthony Haskins

Raleigh 500 (14)
Raleigh
1520 Caswell Street
3 Tuesday
M-John Carvill Dempsey
S-Michael Wiley Brantley

Red Springs 501 (18)
Red Springs
301 Peachtree Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-John Thomas Seago Jr.
S-Roger Lynn Hamm

Cookville 502 (34)
Vale
7485 Hwy 10
1 Tuesday
M-Keith Wesley Kelly II
S-Gregory Patrick Barry

Cherryville 505 (36)
Cherryville
S. Mulberry Street
1 Monday
M-Kenneth Stowe Dellinger
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Belhaven 509 (3)
Belhaven
East Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Burl Edward Brinn Jr.
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Whetstone 515 (36)
Bessemer City
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4 Tuesday
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Farmingdale 516 (6)
Farmingdale
103 Grimmersberg Street
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Widow’s Son 519 (8)
Roanoke Rapids
Roanoke Ave. & Third Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Michael Wayne Reaves
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Fairfield 520 (3)
Fairfield
7760 Piney Woods Road
1 Tuesday
M-Vincent Blair Berry
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Manteo 521 (2)
Manteo
101 Hwy 64/264
2 & 4 Monday
M-Russell Alan Lay
S-Brian Dean Edwards

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Middlesex
12642 W. Hanes Street
3 Monday
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N. Main Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Johnny Lee Allinen
S-Benjamin F. Grady Jr

Waccamaw 596 (12)
Riegelwood
2629 Old Stage Hwy
2 Monday
M-Jerry Alton Caines
S-Edward Bryan Chadwick

Round Peak 616 (25)
Mt. Airy
1365 Old Lowgap Road
1 Friday
M-Ronnie Culbert Sprinkle
S-William Scott East

Apex 584 (15)
Apex
408 E. Williams Street
2 Monday
M-Melver Carvin Minton III
S-Harold Anthony King

Cranberry 598 (37)
Elk Park
195 Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Melvin Arnold Jones
S-Steve Walter Gouge

St. Patrick's 617 (16)
Princeton
Not available
1 & 3 Wednesday
M-John L Bailey Jr.
S-Sidney Albert Wellons III

Roseboro 585 (11)
Roseboro
306 NE Railroad Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Arnold Gene Edge Jr.
S-Andrew Benjamin Wood

Queen City 602 (9)
Rocky Mount
1700 S. Winstead Avenue
1 & 3 Thursday
M-Robert Sidney Flowers
S-James Rice Thompson III

Union 618 (28)
Midland
12105 Hwy 601
2 Monday
M-William H. Moss Jr.
S-Roger Darrell Long

Bethel 589 (6)
Bethel
109 S. Main Street
1 Thursday
M-Joseph W. Hunniecutt
S-James Wilbert Futrell

Jeff L. Nelson 605 (38)
Tryon
Freedom Hill Road
1 Monday
M-Glenn Othar Thompson
S-Kirtland Flynn Jr.

John H. Mills 624 (13)
Epsom
Hwy 39
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Wayland Joyce Bowen
S-Ronald Thomas Renn

Lowell 590 (36)
Lowell
122 N. Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
3 Tuesday July
M-Donald Gregory Hamrick
S-Paul Walters Jr.

Riverside 606 (34)
Catawba
102 N. Main Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Brady Lee White
S-Jacob Ray Abernathy Jr.

Cannon Memorial 626 (28)
Kannapolis
704 S. Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-John Linker Shaver Jr.
S-Kenneth Lee Davis Sr.

Maiden 592 (34)
Maiden
18 W. Main Street
2 Monday
M-Robert Joseph Garbarino
S-Bobby Elliott Sherrill

Chadbourn 607 (18)
Chadbourn
417 E. Strawberry Blvd.
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Joseph Kenneth Britt
S-George Wesley Baysden Jr.

Belmont 627 (36)
Belmont
201 S. Main Street
2 Monday
M-William L. Stevenson
S-Larry Eugene Watts

Stony Point 593 (30)
Stony Point
157 Ruritan Park Road
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Phillip Edward Starnes
S-Jerry Lee Durmire

Walnut Cove 629 (25)
Walnut Cove
810 Summit Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-John Thomas Craven
S-Brayner Ray Ashby

Ashe 594 (33)
West Jefferson
104 S. Third Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Charles Gregory Key
S-Jeffrey Thomas Jones

Francis S. Packard 630 (8)
Norlina
Oine Road
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Lester Howard Knight
S-James Macon Myrick

Wallace 595 (11)
Wallace
407 South Norwood Street
1 & 3 Monday
M-Raymond Lee Turner Jr.
S-William Harold Maready

Atkinson 612 (12)
Atkinson
116 E. Main Street
4 Monday
M-Thomas Lee King
S-Alfred Gray Arnett

Goldsboro 634 (10)
Goldsboro
1002 North Berkley Blvd.
2 & 4 Monday
M-Carl Ross Dever
S-Bradley W. Carmichael

Zebulon 609 (14)
Zebulon
111 E. Horton Street
1 Tuesday
M-William Andrew Adams
S-Barna Osbone Wilder

Home 613 (10)
Fremont
104 Goldsboro Street
2 Monday
M-Ted Leary Koger Jr.
S-William Darron Flowers

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Watts Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Joseph Patrick Hackett
S-Horace Hulan Lane

Cherry Point 688 (7)
Havelock
110 Oakwood Drive
1 & 3 Thursday
M-James Arlen Muse Jr.
S-Deamous Keith Lewis

Scotland Neck 689 (8)
Scotland Neck
1008 Main Street
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-William Walter Leggett
S-Gene Worth Todd

Mount Moriah 690 (30)
Statesville
302 E. Front Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Christopher E. Fallaw
S-Henderson C. Whitaker

Renfro 691 (25)
Mount Airy
212 Franklin Street
3 Monday
M-William Johnny Davidson
S-Tony Sherrill Madison

East Gate 692 (31)
Charlotte
500 N. Sharon Amity Road
1 Monday
M-Paul Milton Miller
S-Todd Jeffrey McRanie

Charles M. Setzer 693 (32)
Charlotte
4301 Stacy Blvd.
3 Monday
M-Gilbert DeVerne Bailey
S-Russell Clarence Elliott

Gate City 694 (23)
Greensboro
426 W. Market Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-David Ray Chesney
S-Gary Ray Ballance

Allen-Graham 695 (28)
Kannapolis
702 S. Main Street
1 & 3 Thursday
M-William Boyd Safrit
S-Randy Colen Crainshaw

Butner 697 (13)
Butner
400 West E St
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Charles Howard Page
S-John Lewis Bryant

Cape Hatteras 698 (2)
Buxton
Hwy 12, 1 mile S. of Lighthouse
2 & 4 Wednesday
M-William A. Arrington
S-Leven Burrus Fulcher Jr.

Asheboro 699 (24)
Asheboro
325 Sunset Avenue
1 & 3 Thursday
M-James Stephen Chriseoc
S-Hal Worth Hodgson

Garner 701 (15)
Garner
406 E. Main Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Monty Lou Smothers
S-John Franklin Tawney Sr.

St. Andrew 702 (31)
Charlotte
4630 Tuckasegee Road
3 Wednesday
M-Larry Walton Quick
S-Harvey W Burgess

Albemarle 703 (29)
Albemarle
230 N. First Street
2 & 4 Monday
M-Sidney Allen Carter
S-James Lowell Blalock

King Solomon 704 (36)
Gastonia
214 South Street
2 Tuesday
M-Robert William Erwin Jr.
S-Victor Albert Willis

Richard Caswell 705 (10)
Kinston
805 Greenbriar Road
1 & 3 Tuesday
M-Nelson Gray Johnson
S-Richard P. Dawson Jr.

Newport 706 (4)
Newport
235 Howard Blvd.
2 & 4 Wednesday
M-Michael Gibble
S-Wray Alan Thomas

Forsyth 707 (26)
Winston-Salem
34 Miller Street
2 Tuesday
M-Paul Stanley Peeples Jr.
S-Lawrence Elliott Gordon II

Crown Point 708 (6)
Greenville
1104 Charles Street
2 & 4 Thursday
M-Conrad Elbert Paysour III
S-Roy Sadler Selby

Conover 709 (34)
Conover
123 First Avenue S.
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-Harrison Morton Jones III
S-Fred Lee Sherrill Jr.

Advance 710 (27)
Advance
NC Highway 801 S.
2 Tuesday
M-Danny Ray Chandler
S-Joseph Russell Suggs Jr.

Wilson 712 (16)
Wilson
2501 W. Nash Street
2 & 4 Tuesday
M-William W. Nicholls Jr.
S-Donald R.t Tomlinson

Stanley 713 (36)
Stanley
Morris Farm Road
3 Monday
M-Leonard Luther Lewis
S-William Theodore Cope

Liberty 714 (24)
Liberty
135 N. Asheboro Street
1 Thursday
M-Jesse Lee Bowman
S-Steven Malcolm Burton

Derita 715 (31)
Charlotte
6300 Rumple Road
2 Tuesday
M-John Fielding Herrin Jr.
S-Allen Walton Scott

Burnsville 717 (37)
Burnsville
23 Robertson Street
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M-Shelby Dean Branton
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