

**A History of
James B. Green Lodge No. 735
A.F. & A.M.**



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Dedication

This work is dedicated to the Memory of two fine Brethren, whose work in this Lodge should long be remembered.

WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM, the 1st Master of James B. Green Lodge No. 735 and Past Master of Raleigh Lodge No. 500.

Bro George L. Stockstill, our first Life Member, whose work created the original document that served as the basis for this writing.

I would also like to commend our past and present Secretaries for their efforts to produce and maintain very good records of all our Communications over the last 50 years. This work would have been impossible without the data recorded in our Lodge Minutes.

Foreword

In 1976, WBro James W. Speed III appointed a committee to produce a history of James B. Green Lodge No. 735 A.F. & A. M. The committee consisted of WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM, WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. PM, and Bro George L. Stockstill - Chairman. These Brethren created a history that went from the beginnings of the Lodge through the 10th year in 1976. This history was published with the assistance of Robin Mentha, who edited the work and Bro Clifton Gibson Jr., whose firm published the original document; sadly, none of the members of that committee are with us today.

In this the 50th year of our Lodge, I felt that it was most appropriate and timely to revisit our history. This work is the result of that effort. The spirit and much of the content of the original work is included in the first 10 years in this document. The next 40 years are a compilation of information selected from the Lodge Annual Reports, Lodge Minutes, and personal recollections of various individuals who were there. The writing styles are different but the intent is the same, to give a sense of history to the reader.

A Glossary of Abbreviations and Terms is included at the end of the document to assist the reader.

Acknowledgments

A special thanks to WBro Paul Etheridge Jr., WBro David A. Jensen Jr., and Bro C. Roger Morgan. These Brethren helped me to research the facts and provided corrections to the transcript in the 25 Year History document. Of those Brothers, only C. Roger Morgan is still with us today. Thanks to all the other Brethren who provided details from their recollections.

A special Thanks goes to WBro Ronald Hollamon who has recorded and preserved all our past minutes in a digital format. This made my research for the 50-year document much easier and provides a great reference for future generations. I greatly appreciate the efforts of WBro Allan Bonner Jr. with his help in proofreading this document. Lastly, I would like to thank my son Bro Michael Thompson for his help and support in putting all the information into a usable form for distribution to our members.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might" Ecclesiastes 9:10

Mark A. Thompson, Past Master 1990

October 11, 2015

James Bryan Green

1873 – 1964



He was born on September 2, 1873 in Wake County. Worshipful Brother James B. Green married Mary Rose Morgan of Dublin, Virginia in 1907. Mrs. Green died in 1926. They were the parents of two daughters: Mrs. Sarah Adell McLendon of Winston Salem and Miss Margret Rose Green of Raleigh. Sarah is the wife of Hubert McLendon, a Charter member of James B. Green Lodge No. 735.

The daughters made a generous donation to our building fund. Using their donation, we placed a Memorial Stain Glass Window in the Gable on the front of our building, as an honor to their father.

Brother Green was made a Master Mason in Hiram Lodge No. 40 A.F. & A.M. on December 12, 1901. He was Master of Hiram No. 40 in 1905 and again in 1906. He affiliated with Neuse Lodge No. 97 in 1923. He became Treasurer of that Lodge in 1936 and remained so for 36 years, until death on September 11, 1964.

Neuse Lodge 97 became Millbrook Lodge No. 97 in 1945 and it was once known as Forestville Lodge No. 97. The Jewels of Millbrook still bear the Wake Forest inscriptions.

He received his 50-year Membership Award in 1952 from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and he was made a "Life Member" of Millbrook Lodge No. 97 in 1953. He received "The Golden Jubilee Award" in 1963. He was a member of the York Rite Masonic Bodies of Raleigh.

His funeral, with full Masonic Honors, was held in the Millbrook United Methodist Church. His body is buried in the Church Cemetery at Millbrook.

The Year of 1965 - The Start of a New Lodge

THE BEGINNING OF JAMES B. GREEN LODGE

We read in the Book of Saint John, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made."

It is no secret that all of the Masons who ever lived, first expressed a belief in God before he was ever admitted into a Lodge, and so it is that Masons are a friendly family, and many of us linger to exchange thoughts and ideas, sometime long after the meetings are adjourned.

Such was the case in late Spring 1965, after Worshipful Brother James Starling Johnson Jr. had completed his tenure as Master of Raleigh Lodge 500. He and Brother Stuart Buchanan, together, discussed the possibility of forming a new lodge. It had been about sixty-five years since the last one was instituted as Raleigh 500 in the year 1900. Knowing these Brethren to be young men it was assumed that neither was a Charter Member of Raleigh 500. Their enthusiasm was contagious. Soon Brother Jimmy was at the Grand Lodge Office to relate his idea to Most Worshipful Brother Charles A. Harris, Secretary and Past Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Worshipful Brother Pete Dudley, and Worshipful Brother Hiram Casebolt who all were in agreement with the idea.

Communication was made with all the Lodges in the district, all of which were also in agreement. Cards were signed by thirty-seven Brother Masons who were intent on becoming Charter Members of the new lodge, several of whom were of other Grand Jurisdictions. A petition was then filed with the Grand Lodge. On October 11th, 1965 the Grand Lodge under MW Brother Sam Hennis, authorized the Lodge to be operated Under Dispensation (UD) until April 1966 when the Grand Lodge unanimously approved the petition for James B. Green Lodge 735, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

The name "James B. Green" was selected to honor Worshipful Brother James B. Green, Past Master of Hiram 40, who during his long and useful life was a devoted member of the craft.

Several offers were made for a meeting place, and on invitation of Millbrook Lodge 97, meetings were held in that Lodge Hall until a hall of our own was completed. A rental fee of fifty cents per member each quarter was paid, and was later increased to seventy-five cents per member per quarter.

It should be noted that while we were in the Millbrook Lodge we were happy to have every courtesy shown us by the Brethren there and we left with regret to be separated from them. Our rent to them was very small, and it should be stated that nothing was paid for rent during the time we were Under Dispensation.

The original thirty-seven members were:

- James C. Abrams
- William R. Abrams
- Lenzy L. Ashworth
- Clifton N. Bagley
- Robert L. Ballard
- William C. Beamon
- Stuart L. Buchanan
- Claiborn W. Burnette
- Albert B. Congleton
- Melbourne G. Davis
- Henry W. Dempster Jr.
- Harold W. Earp
- Donald M. Etheridge
- Paul Etheridge Jr.
- Charles E. Graham
- Daniel E. Harrell
- Roy M. Harris
- Willard T. Hawkins
- Willie A. Hawkins
- Alexander Holder Jr.
- James S. Johnson Jr. PM
- J. C. Knowles
- Charles A. Lloyd
- Lonnie D. Lloyd Jr.
- Hubert M. McLendon
- William W. Melvin
- William D. Moon
- Jack Moore
- Jack D. Moore
- George C. Poythress
- Bobby R. Senter
- Marvin J. Spivey
- George L. Stockstill
- James E. Swindell Jr.
- Herbert W. Wheless
- M. Eugene White
- George A. Yancey



On October 11, 1965, MWBro Sam A. Hennis Jr., Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, granted a dispensation to thirty-seven Brethren to form James B. Green Lodge UD. At the appointed hour, the Grand Master called the meeting to order and directed the Grand Secretary to read the roll for the meeting, the dispensation, and the names of the Brethren who had been selected to serve as officers of the new Lodge.

With the Brethren seated west of the Altar, MWBro W. Edward Burrier PGM acting as Grand Marshall and assisted by RWBro Robert N. Bass Jr. invested them with the jewels and aprons of their respective offices and conducted them to their stations.

The Grand Lodge
of
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
of
NORTH CAROLINA
By The Most Worshipful Grand Master

To All and Every Our Worshipful and Loving Brethren—Greeting:

KNOW YE, That the Most Worshipful SAM A. HENNIS, JR. , Grand Master, at the humble petition of our well beloved Brethren JAMES CLEVELAND ABRAMS, WILLIAM REDMOND ABRAMS, LENZY LEE ASHWORTH, CLIFTON NELSON BAGLEY, ROBERT LAMAR BALLARD, WILLIAM CHARLES BEAMAN, STUART LANDIS BUCHANAN, CLAIBORN WINSTON BURNETTE, ALBERT BERNICE CONGLETON, MELBOURNE GLENN DAVIS, HENRY WALKER DEMPSTER, JR., HAROLD WRIGHT EARP, DONALD McGEE ETHERIDGE, PAUL ETHERIDGE, JR., CHARLES EUGENE GRAHAM, DANIEL EDDIE HARRELL, ROY MATTHEW HARRIS, WILLARD THOMAS HAWKINS, WILLIE ALLAN HAWKINS, ALEXANDER HOLDER, JR., JAMES STARLING JOHNSON, JR., J. C. KNOWLES, CHARLES APRIL LLOYD, LONNIE DAVID LLOYD, JR., HUBERT MYRICK McLENDON, WILLIAM WHITE MELVIN, WILLIAM DAVID MOON, JACK MOORE, JACK DCONOVAN MOORE, GEORGE CLINTON POYTHRESS, BOBBY RAY SENTER, MARVIN JOSEPH SPIVEY, GEORGE LEAMON STOCKSTILL, JAMES ELLIOTT SWINDELL, JR., HERBERT WALTON WHELESS, MARION EUGENE WHITE and GEORGE ALLEN YANCEY.

of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Freemasons, and for certain other reasons, moving our Most Worshipful Grand Master, doth hereby constitute the said brethren into a regular lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, to be opened at ----- MILLBROOK ----- in the County of ----- WAKE ----- by the name of -- JAMES B. GREEN --. At their said request, and from the great trust and confidence reposed in each of the said brethren, the Most Worshipful Grand Master doth hereby appoint ----- JAMES STARLING JOHNSON, JR. ----- , Master, ----- MARION EUGENE WHITE -----, Senior Warden, and ----- ALEXANDER HOLDER, JR. ----- , Junior Warden, for opening the said lodge and governing the same until the first annual communication of the Grand Lodge after the date of this dispensation.

It is required of our Friend and Brother --- JAMES STARLING JOHNSON, JR. --- to take special care that all and every of the said brethren of the said lodge, as well as those hereafter to be admitted into our body by said lodge, be regularly made Masons; and that they do and observe and keep all the Constitution, Regulations, and laws of our Grand Lodge, and that the Ancient Landmarks be strictly attended to; and further, that he do cause to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, an account of the proceedings of said lodge which, when done, is to be transmitted to the Grand Lodge with a list of those initiated, passed, and raised, and otherwise disposed of under his authority.

Given at ---- Mount Airy ---- , North Carolina, under the hand of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Great Seal of Masonry, this ----- Eleventh ----- day of -- October --, A. D. 19 65 ; A. L. 59 65 .



Sam A. Hennis, Jr.
Grand Master

Attest: *Charles A. Harris*
Grand Secretary

The Grand Master then opened a Master Masons Lodge with the following officers in their stations and places:

- Master James S. Johnson Jr. PM
- Sr. Warden M. Eugene White
- Jr. Warden Alexander Holden Jr.
- William C. Beamon as Treasurer
- Jack D. Moore as Secretary
- Sr. Deacon William D. Moon
- Jr. Deacon Paul Etheridge Jr.
- Herbert W. Wheless as Sr. Steward
- James C. Abrams as Jr. Steward
- J.C. Knowles as Chaplain
- Henry Dempster Jr. as Tyler

The By-Laws, which had been approved by the Grand Lodge, were read and approved by the Lodge.

Those in attendance for the ceremony were presented by MWBro Charles A. Harris PGM & Grand Secretary. These included MWBro Edward Burrier PGM, RWBro Robert N. Bass Jr. JGW, WBro Berl M. Kahn Grand Steward, WBro Fred F. Harding Jr. Grand Tyler, WBro Robert P. Dudley Assistant Grand Secretary, the District Deputy Grand Masters of the 21st, 23rd, 24th, and 31st Districts. The Masters of Lodges 40, 97, 115, 198, 231, 377, 500, 565, 683, and Bro Herbert Ruffin, Past Potentate Sudan Temple

The next night, October 12, 1965, we held our first Stated Communication at the Millbrook Lodge Hall. At this meeting, we elected the following Trustees: Jack Moore, to a 1-year term, Dick Yancey, for 2 years and George L. Stockstill for 3 years. We also received petitions for degrees from George S. Bickel, Richard F. Coley, L. Tommy Lassiter, James W. Speed III, James D. Caprell, Harold L. Jones, Charles L. Martin, and George M. Stockstill. Charles Martin withdrew his petition in November that year.

At the Dec 14 meeting, Bro Fred G. Speidel, Past Commander of Raleigh Commandery No.4, WBro Hiram J. Casebolt PM. Elliot Swindell Jr., and WBro George W. White PM, presented the Lodge a Tyler's sword. This sword was gift of the Raleigh York Rite Bodies and was engraved by Jeffries Jewelers of Raleigh.

We completed that year with a total of 37 members who had affiliated with our new Lodge.

The Year of 1966 - Getting Started

While Under Dispensation we raised seven new brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, each of whom became Charter Members of James B. Green Lodge.

We had an emergent communication Jan 25 for the purpose of raising the first four: Brothers George Bickel, Richard Coley, James W. Speed III, and George M. Stockstill.

We then had a Valentine Party on Feb 11 at Trinity Methodist Church, all members who had children brought them, and we had loads of fun. We also began to have supper at Griffins about this time.

An Emergent Communication was held on Feb 22, for the purpose of Raising Bros James D. Caprell, Harold L. Jones, and L. Tommy Lassiter. Walter J. "Bud" Dedman was also Raised as a courtesy for Millbrook

97. We had forty-six visitors present at this time together with nineteen of our members. WBro Jack O. Howard presented Tommy Lassiter (His son-in-law) a Masonic Bible, the same being used during the ceremony.

Several of these original seven Brothers are now Past Masters including Harold L. Jones in 1971, George M. Stockstill in 1973, James W. Speed III in 1976, and L. Tommy Lassiter in 1985.

At the March 8 meeting, a motion was passed to set the annual lodge dues at \$11.00, to be paid starting in April 1966.

On April 22, 1966, we had a memorable event. We were consecrated James B. Green Lodge 735 A.F. & A.M. Grand Master Arnold J. Koonce Sr. opened a Master Mason's Lodge in Ample form with the following officers present and assisting: Hiram J. Casebolt DGM, Robert N. Bass Jr. as Sr. Grand Warden, Poosey L. Bryand as Jr. Grand Warden, George F. White as Grand Treasurer, Charles A. Harris Grand Secretary, W. Fred Harding Grand Tyler, W. Gale Parker as Sr. Grand Deacon, Bruce C. Ferrell as Jr. Grand Deacon, Robert P. Dudley and H. Lester Creech as Grand Steward, and Harrison Kaufman as Grand Chaplain. The first elected officers were then installed as regular officers of James B. Green Lodge 735. Numerous distinguished guests were present and spoke briefly. The Grand Master spoke last and "wished the new lodge God speed, and enduring success." That night will be long remembered by all those present.

On June 14, Bro Paul M. Brown became a member by affiliation. Bros Tom Green and Joe Bishop were made Master Masons at an Emergent meeting June 22.

On July 14, we had a busy meeting. WBro Hiram J. Casebolt DDGM made his official visit. Bro Stuart Terry, who had been raised by Hiram 40, passed the proficiency test for the Master Mason's Degree. At that meeting, we raised Vincent J. Iraggi, Lawrence Ray Davis, Wilbur E. House, and Ted Green to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. There were present: thirty-five visiting Brethren, six from Millbrook 97, eighteen from Hiram 40, four from William G. Hill 218, one from Granville 380, one from Number 271 in Miami, FL., one each from 210, and 212 and one from Northern 25 in Newark, NJ. Several of our own members were present.

We had our first election of officers as a constituted Lodge on Dec 13, 1966.

On Dec 21, 1966, James E. Armstrong Sr., Robert T. Barham, Ray M. DeBerry of James B. Green plus William J. Price and Cliften W. Stoffregen for Millbrook 97, were made Master Masons.

We ended the year with 56 members in the Lodge. Of the new members, 18 were Raised and 1 was admitted by transfer.

No. 735

SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT

1787



The Grand Lodge

of

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Of North Carolina

In Ample Form assembled, according to the Old Constitution, regularly and solemnly established under the auspices of Prince Edwin at the City of York, in Great Britain, in the year of Masonry 4926, viz:

The Right Worshipful	Arnold Jackson Koonce, Sr.	Deputy Grand Master
The Right Worshipful	Alfred Albretch Kafer, Jr.	Senior Grand Warden
The Right Worshipful	Robert Norman Bass, Jr.	Junior Grand Warden

Do by these Presents

appoint, authorize, and empower our worthy Brother James Starling Johnson, Jr.
to be the Master, our worthy Brother Marion Eugene White to be the Senior
Warden, and our worthy Brother Alexander Holder, Jr. to be the Junior Warden
of a lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to be, by virtue hereof, constituted, formed,
and held in Millbrook, which lodge shall be distinguished by the name or
style of James B. Green Number 735, and the said Master, and
Wardens, and their successors in office are hereby, respectively, authorized and directed, by, and with
the consent and assistance of the members of the said lodge present upon such occasions, to elect
and install the officers of the said lodge as vacancies happen in manner and form as is, or may
be, prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge.
And further, the said lodge is hereby invested with full power and authority to assemble
upon proper and lawful occasions, to make Masons, and to admit members, as also to do and
perform all and every such acts and things appertaining to the Craft, as have been and
ought to be, done for the honor and advantage thereof, conforming in all their proceedings to the Constitution
and laws of this Grand Lodge; otherwise this warrant and the powers thereby granted are to cease and to be of no further
effect.



Given under our hands and the seal of our Grand Lodge
at the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, in the United States
of America this Twentieth day of April
in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-six
and in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-six.

Charles A. Harris

Grand Secretary

Sam A. Harris

Grand Master

The Year of 1967

Master M. Eugene White, SW Alex Holder Jr., JW William D. Moon, Treasurer William C. Beamon, Secretary James S. Johnson Jr. PM. The Master appointed the following officers: SD Paul Etheridge Jr., JD Herbert W. Wheless, George A. Yancey and Jack D. Moore as Stewards, Chaplain J.C. Knowles, and George L. Stockstill as Tyler.

On March 23, Bertram Pollett from our lodge and Roger A. Watkins from Millbrook 97 were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, again we had thirty visitors. Bro Billy Ray became a member by affiliation on May 9. Daniel Lee Ellis, Robert D. Hewett, Aaron H. Hocutt, and Bill D. Mizelle became Master Masons by the same ancient route on June 7. We went to Millbrook Baptist Church for St. John's Day June 26 with Bro J.C. Knowles bringing the message. We elected Maurice Lipscomb to membership by affiliation on Sep 12, 1967. Bro Lorenzo Dallas Spruill was raised Oct 5, 1967.

Election of Officers was held, for the year 1968, at the meeting on Dec 12.

We ended the year with 70 members. There were 15 new members, 7 of whom were Raised and 8 were admitted by transfer. We had 1 member to Demit.

The Year of 1968

Master Alex Holder Jr., SW Paul Etheridge Jr., JW Bud Wheless, Treasurer W. Charles Beamon, Secretary James S. Johnson Jr. PM. L.D. Lloyd was elected trustee, his term to expire in 1970. The Master appointed the following: SD Jack D. Moore, JD James C. Abrams, Stewards Harold Jones and Larry Davis, Chaplain J.C. Knowles, and Tyler George L. Stockstill.

At the first meeting on Jan 9, it was decided to start eating at a local restaurant before the Stated Meetings. The time for supper was set at 6:30. It was also decided to start publishing a Lodge newsletter, thus was started the tradition of the James B. Green Trestle Board. Each Master has had that responsibility since.

Bro George L. Stockstill was made a "Life Member" on February 13, 1968. He became the first member to receive this honor. He said it was the highest honor he could receive because it is given by those who know and respect him

Bro Rex A. Girton was raised by Millbrook 97 as a courtesy to us on March 1, 1968.

The Lodge Building Committee was very active during this time, trying to locate property on which to build. Numerous BBQ suppers were held as fund raising events. On one such occasion, 1295 plates were sold for the good cause of a Lodge building.

Bros Nathan V. Whittington and John D. Butler were raised on May 28 that same year.

On Sep 10, another new lodge was on the way as we granted approval for J.J. Crowder to be formed.

At the June, meeting it was announced that WBro Alex Holder had accepted employment in Tennessee. Bro Paul Etheridge Jr. served as the acting Master and did so for the rest of the meetings that year.

The first of our members to be called by the Supreme Architect was our beloved Bro Joe Bishop. His Masonic Funeral was held at Oakwood Cemetery October 9, 1968, with Bro Harry Holland acting as Master. Bro Joe was elected to receive the Degrees Dec 14, 1965 and was Raised on June 2, 1966. He was with us for such a short while, but he endeared himself to us by his friendly manner and kindly spirit.

We went to church at Trinity Methodist Dec 15, 1968 for our Christmas service. Bro George L. Stockstill brought us an excellent message.

MWBro Robert N. Bass Jr. Grand Master was the installing officer for the 1969 officers. WBro Gage Smith was the installing Marshall, WBro Otto Neustadt Chaplain, and Fred G. Speidel Secretary

The Lodge membership now totaled 76. That year 6 new members were Raised and 2 were admitted for membership. We lost 1 brother to Demit. We had our first Brother taken from us by death that year.

The Year of 1969

Master Paul Etheridge Jr., SW Hebert W. Wheless, JW Jack D. Moore, Treasurer W. Charles Beamon, Secretary James S. Johnson Jr. PM. The Master appointed Harold Jones SD, Don Etheridge JD, George M. Stockstill and Claiborn Burnette as Stewards, George L. Stockstill as Chaplain and Bobby Senter as Tyler. George L. Stockstill was elected Trustee until 1971.

We had a Valentine Party on Feb 14 at the Millbrook Lodge. It was a very cold night (10 degrees), but everyone came and we had a good time. The children had games upstairs and the adults were entertained downstairs. Each family brought refreshments. We had a great time and lots of fun for all the family members.

Bro Marvin Guess Jr. and Carley H. Smith became Master Masons on Feb 25, 1969.

A major highlight was the meeting of May 13. It was a stated meeting and one long to be remembered by many. That night Bro Frank Maddery of "Old 97" Millbrook was recognized as DDGM of the 25th District and he introduced all the Past Masters present: G.W. White, P.A. Scott, and R.N. Bass Jr., all from 97. Also present were Dee O. Linberry PM of 218, and R.G. Smith DDGL. Robert N. Bass Jr. PGM escorted MWBro William A. Hooks Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina to the East, where Grand Honors were received.

That evening Bro Banks Holt was received into membership by affiliation. Bro Tom Green conducted Bro Ray Catlette before the Altar, where the Worshipful Master presented him his 25-year service award. The secretary conducted Bro George L. Stockstill to the Altar for prayer after which he was conducted to the East. He stood to the left of the Grand Master who was then presiding and presented him his 50-year service award and pin. Bro George M. Stockstill pinned the emblem on the lapel of his father's coat and reminded him that he would not have the pleasure of doing the same for him.

Recollecting of the 50 years past, Bro George L. Stockstill said he did not become a Mason out of curiosity, but that the earliest remembrance he had of his father was that he was a dedicated Master Mason. In those days, the Brethren rode on horseback to the meetings all of which were held on Saturday night. Often

three or four would stop at our house for the night and I would awake to hear them reciting the catechism, which then had no meaning to me. It should be mentioned here too that in those days everything that was learned about Masonry was by word of mouth.

The last act before closing the lodge was a beautiful prayer by the Illustrious Bro Harrison Kaufman, longtime friend of George L. Stockstill. Bro Kaufman was loved and honored by all who had the privilege to know him.

During the term of WBro Paul Etheridge Jr., the Chaplain was requested to read from the Holy Bible, which proved to be well received by many of the Brethren. It is a requirement of Masonry that the Holy Bible is always open on the Altar during the communications of the Lodge. How many of you have ever heard it read for enlightenment?

An Emergent Communication on Feb 22, 1969 was called for the purpose of raising Bros Archie C. Capps, Lonnie M. Dean, and James Jefferson Stephens as a courtesy for Millbrook 97. Ceburn Harris Mangum for William G. Hill 218 and Edgar Donald Farmer for James B. Green 735 were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Another new lodge was in the making, on June 10, 1969, when we were asked permission to form Vandora Lodge UD, Garner, NC, and we were happy to comply.

Saints John's Day was celebrated on June 25, 1969 with a service at Trinity Methodist Church.

WBro R. Gage Smith PM was made an Honorary Member of our Lodge on Aug 12, 1969. On Oct 11, Bro John F. Hutchins was elected to membership by affiliation.

An Emergent Communication was called for Lodge members only on Nov 28. The meeting was called by the Master to vote on the following items: buying a building on Glenwood Avenue, buying a lot with two houses already on the lot located in the North Hills area, or proceeding to buy an unimproved lot for the building of a Lodge Hall. All of these items failed to pass the vote. There was also discussion of the possibilities of moving our meeting place to the Old Grand Lodge Hall in downtown Raleigh. After this meeting, every member began an earnest search for a lot on which to build a Temple.

Officers for the year 1970 were elected at a stated meeting on Dec 11, 1969. Worshipful Bro Charles A. Harris PGM and Grand Secretary was the installing officer that year. All our installations have been formal and open to the families and friends of members. The meetings were usually followed by refreshments.

The Membership had grown to total 84. We Raised 4 new Brothers and admitted 5 for membership. We had to exclude 1 Brother for nonpayment of dues.

The Year of 1970 - Time to Build a Temple

Master Jack D. Moore, SW Harold L. Jones, JW Donald M. Etheridge, Treasurer W.C. Beamon, Secretary WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM. The Master appointed the following officers: SD James C. Abrams, JD George M. Stockstill, Rex A. Girton and Stuart Terry were appointed as Stewards, Edwin H. Poole as Chaplain, and John W. Beal as Tyler.

At the Jan 13, 1970 meeting, Rex Girton presented the Lodge a beautiful set of working tools, which he had skillfully carved. Bro Harold Jones presented the Lodge with a new Masonic Bible. The Bible currently being used in the Lodge had been presented by WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM, our first Master. It is to be preserved in the archives of the Lodge. Bro George I. Stockstill wished himself and John Butler a happy birthday. We were about to get us "a good ten cent cook", for on this night we initiated Robert D. Truelove along with Ray B. Champion, James F. Hutchins as EA.



We were all getting near to the day when we would have our own Temple and Bro L.D. Lloyd, a trustee, informed the Lodge that we might purchase some property on Jeffreys School Road (later the name was changed to Lynn Road). The Trustees were authorized to determine the zoning of the property and obtain an option not to exceed \$6,000. We had some disappointment because of a previously zoning ruling. This time we were successful. This was Feb 10 and we were on our way to our new home on Lynn Road, but it was not paved with gold.

We were right back to the Lodge the next night Feb 11, in an Emergent meeting for the purpose of raising Bros Alex Mackintosh, Charles C. Youell III, and Bobby W. Hicks. At the March 18 meeting, we raised Bros Robert D. Truelove, Rayford B. Champion, James A. Hutchins, James M. Stell, and Johnny G. Williams.

Bros Norman O. Dickens and Frank Inman became members by affiliation on April 14. At this meeting, a Building Committee was appointed. Bro George L. Stockstill was chairman, along with Rex Girton, George M. Stockstill, John Hutchins, and Forest Pearce.

Worshipful Brother Hiram J. Casebolt PM of Raleigh 500 was made an honorary member of our Lodge on May 12. At that time, he presented Bro Elliot I. Peterson his 50 Year Service Award and Pin as courtesy for Trinity Lodge located in Clinton, Massachusetts. At the same time a 25 Year Service Award was presented to Bro Ervin Poole.

Some happy observations of this new Lodge by an older Brother and Master Mason, who for more than fifty years never held an elected office in the line, is the fact that nearly all the Brethren have passed the proficiency examination for the 3rd degree and could in fact preside in any station for an degree on short notice and can coach candidates in all degrees.

On June 3, 1970, we raised Bros Wiley B. Jackson, Tommy Jeffreys, and Bobby C. Watson. All of the presiding officers had been raised in this Lodge, except James C. Abrams who presided in the West. George M. Stockstill was in the East, and James Speed III in the South. Rex Girton SD, Laverne Lewis JD, Robert Truelove and James Hutchins were Stewards. James S. Johnson Jr. PM was the Secretary.

Bros Wesley Chatham and Arnold Kropp were elected to membership by affiliation on July 14, 1970. On this date, the Trustees were given approval to secure a loan of fifteen- thousand dollars from Raleigh Savings & Loan Association for the construction of the Lodge Hall on Lynn Road. Bro Frank Maddery DDGM paid his official visit to our Lodge on Sep 12.

An Emergent Communication was held Sep 2 for the purpose of conducting a Masonic Funeral for Bro Paul Moore Brown, Uncle of Bro James S. Johnson Jr. The funeral was held at the Seaboard North Carolina Cemetery with Bro Harry Holland assisting in the service.

The Lodge received dispensation from the Grand Lodge dated Aug 24, 1970, to construct a Lodge Hall in accordance with the plans submitted. This dispensation is on permanent file with the minutes of this Lodge, and "The People had a mind to build."



Bro Harold Thatcher became a member by affiliation Oct 13, 1970. Bro Heber C. Eason was received as a member by affiliation Dec 8 and we elected officers for the year 1971.

We ended the year with 103 members. We had Raised 12 and admitted 9 new members. We had 2 members to pass away that year.

The Year of 1971 - Moving to a New Home

Master Harold L. Jones, SW Donald M. Etheridge, JW George M. Stockstill, Teas. W. Charles Beamon, Secretary James S. Johnson Jr. PM. The Master appointed the following officers: SD Rex A. Girton, JD John F. Hutchins, James W. Speed III and Claiborn W. Burnette as Stewards, James A. Hutchins as Chaplain, and Norman O. Dickens as Tyler.

On January 12, 1971, the Lodge approved a motion to meet twice monthly.

On Feb 12, the Grand Lodge granted the request for the Lodge to hold the first meeting in the newly completed Temple on Feb 23. 1971. WBro Harold Jones requested WBro Jack D. Moore PM, to occupy the East and open the Lodge for the first time in the new Temple. WBro Jack was Master during the construction of the building. When we worked many nights and all Saturdays, he was seldom absent. At the end of the meeting, WBro Harold Jones requested Bro George L. Stockstill to occupy the East and to close the Lodge for our first meeting in this new Temple.



Satellite photo taken near noon on February 23rd, 1971 (coincidentally the date of our first stated)

Just for the record, it should be stated that, the building we are so proud to be in was constructed by the Members of "James B. Green Lodge" in the year WBro Jack D. Moore was Master of the Lodge. Every nail that was driven in the building (except for the shingles) was put there by some member of the Lodge at that time. There was never any discontent or grumbling by anyone and it "did not rain in the daytime" during the actual building of the Temple. The furniture of the Lodge was made by the Brethren: A Labor Of Love and Devotion. "TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE." I (George L. Stockstill) offer thanks to God for having a part in it.

We were back again Feb 25, for an Emergent Communication the purpose of which was to Raise the first Brethren in the new Temple. The Brethren were Raymond A. Boseman and William D. Shamblin. We had seven visiting Brethren that night: from Granville Lodge 380, WBro Pete Dudley PM, assistant to the Grand Sec, and Bro Charles Poole from Garner Lodge 701.

Bro Eugene R. Ray became a member by affiliation on April 13. On April 27, William A. Bethune, Ernest O. Lassiter, and Ellis M. Meekins were made Master Masons. Bro Bethune was a courtesy for Radiance Lodge #132 but he would affiliate with us later in the year. The Raleigh Rainbow girls came out on May 12 to do their beautiful and impressive degree work.

On June 8, the Worshipful Master appointed Bros Don Etheridge, George L. Stockstill, and Jack D. Moore as a committee to plan for the dedication of the Temple. On June 20, we went to Hill Crest Baptist Church for St. John the Baptist's birthday celebration. Bro Preston Smith was elected to membership by affiliation on July 13.

On August 10, Bro Fred G. Speidel lectured on our Patron Saints: St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, which proved to be interesting as well as enlightening. We were pleased to learn of Bro Don Etheridge Jr. being elected State Master Counselor of North Carolina DeMolay.

George L. Stockstill reported a visit that he and several Brethren made to Granville Lodge way up the other side of the Harrigans. (Ed. Note: For the uninformed, this is an area in Northern Wake County above Hwy 98, toward Creedmoor on Hwy 50, that was renowned for the illegal production of Moonshine Whiskey and various other commodities) They made Brother Jimmy an honorary member of their Lodge. They asked George to speak and Harold told them they would be sorry. They did not say later if they were. The building and the furnishings were quaint but honorable, and the building was guarded by several wasps. It was most enjoyable. I think WBro Jimmy sort of revived them. He did a pretty good job of promoting Masonic relations. It was because of him that this history was written. I am not sure that anyone other than he would have ever thought of forming James B. Green Lodge. Credit also is due to Jimmy from J.J. Crowder Lodge and Vandora Lodge. Masonry was a "way of life" with Bro Jimmy.

Bros C. Roger Morgan and W. A. Bethune became members by affiliation on Sep 14. Three Brethren were raised Sep 28. They were Arthur R. Brink Jr., Paul L. Bumgarner, and John T. Gattis.

On Saturday Oct 9, 1971, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina held an Emergent Communication in the James B. Green Lodge Temple, for the purpose of a conducting a Ceremony of Dedication. Most Worshipful Bro William W. Mimms PM Joppa Lodge #530 was Grand Master, RWBro James A. Hutchins as Deputy Grand Master, RWBro Don M. Etheridge as Sr. Grand Warden, RWBro George McLean Stockstill as Jr. Grand Warden, RW William C. Beamon as Grand Treasurer, RWBro Lonnie D. Lloyd as Sr. Grand Secretary, WBro James W. Speed III as Sr. Grand Deacon, and WBro John F. Hutchins as Jr. Grand Deacon (the above Brethren all from J.B. Green 735). WBro Hiram J. Casebolt PM (500) as Grand Marshall, WBro Claiborn Burnette and WBro F. Inman as Grand Stewards (735), WBro Norman O. Dickens (735) as Grand Tyler, WBro Jack D. Moore PM (735) as Grand Chaplain. Other Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters present included: MW Jimmy W. Brewer PGM and Grand Treasurer (708), MW C.A. Harris PGM and Grand Secretary (113), WBro S.F. Noble PM and Sr. Grand Deacon, WBro H.J. Casebolt PM and Jr. Grand Deacon (500), WBro J.E. Watson PM and Grand Steward (691), WBro R.P. Dudley PM and Assistant to the Grand Secretary (202), and WBro R.G. Smith PM and DDGM (218). The Grand Master dispensed with labor and several guests who were not Master Masons were admitted for the Ceremony. The Ceremony of Dedication was then conducted with the usual Masonic custom.

WBro Harold Jones, Master of James B. Green Lodge 735, was the Master of Ceremonies. Bro Rex A. Girton SD of 735, was the Principal Architect, WBro Alex Holder PM of 735, was the Bearer of the Constitution, and WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. PM of 735 was the Bearer of the Three Great lights.

The special guests included Mrs. Sarah Green McLendon and Miss Margret Green of Raleigh. They were the daughters of the late James B. Green in whose honor the Lodge was named. The husband of Sarah, Bro Richard McLendon a charter member, was also present. Sarah and Bro Richard live in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Bro Richard is not privileged to be present often. Mrs. C. Roger Morgan was organist for the occasion. There were 38 of our members present, 12 visiting Brethren, and 12 Grand Officers.

On Nov 23, 1971, Bros Francis P. Buchanan, and Jerry Lee Nalls were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The first officers elected in the New Temple were elected on Dec 14, 1971 for the upcoming year of 1972.

We ended the year with a total membership of 121. We had Raised 13 new members and admitted 7 for membership. We excluded 2 members for nonpayment of dues.

The Year of 1972

Master Don M. Etheridge, SW George M. Stockstill, JW Rex A. Girton, Treasurer W. Charles Beamon, Secretary W. Preston Smith. The Master appointed the following officers to serve with him: SD James F. Hutchins, JD James Speed III, Stewards were Claiborn W. Burnette and Norman O. Dickens. Chaplain was James A. Hutchins. Tyler was Stuart Terry.

Bro Milton Cohen was elected to membership by affiliation on Jan 25, 1972. WBro Hiram Casebolt PM lectured on the duties and responsibilities of the Lodge officers.

Bro Charles H. Watkins came to us by affiliation on Feb 18. WBro R. Gage Smith, DDGM of the 25th, district paid his official visit to discuss the orphanage situation, laws, and offences. The Worshipful Master announced that we would hold our first Family Night on Feb 25.

On Apr 25, Bros Eugene Boney, Rockey A. Hester III, John W. Hudson, Bruce E. Marshburn, and Charles C. Pearce were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. We were late getting home.

The boys who cut the grass wanted a riding lawn mower. A good buy for \$150.00 was approved at the May 9 meeting.

Bro Charles A. Harris Grand Secretary paid us a friendly visit and introduced his, guest, WBro Ben Akin, first Master of Butner Lodge 697. Bro Charles has always been a good friend of James B. Green Lodge.

On April 13, 1972, Bro Eugene R. Ray was admitted to membership by affiliation. We raised the following Brethren to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: Felix Pool, Charles J. Griffin, James W. Baldwin, and Robert L. Oakley

Bro Herbert N. Robertson became a member by affiliation on June 13, 1972.

During the meeting on July 11, WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM presented the Grand Master's Award for 1971 to WBro Harold Jones PM. WBro Jones accepted the Award on behalf of all the Brethren of the Lodge.

Bro Jack L. Walters became a member by affiliation on Aug 8. Bro Rex Girton announced the forming of a \$5.00 Club to help defray the expenses of the Lodge.

We were saddened by the death of our friend Mr. H.O. Jordan who perished when his home burned. His wife, young son age five, lovely daughter age thirteen and mother-in-law also perished. Mr. Jordan was a good friend of several members of our Lodge. He poured and finished the concrete for in our lower floor without charge. Several of our members attended the funeral services.

The uniformed Degree Team from Hiram Lodge 40, Raleigh, was with us on June 27, for the purpose of conferring the 3rd degree on the following Brethren: Charles B. Dent, Dennis P. Hughes, and Johnny Martin. WBro Charles Separk PM in the East, WBro John White PM in the West, Bro T. M. Teester in the South, and Bro Howard Perry was JD. The first section had Rex Girton in the East, George Stockstill in the West, Charles Pearce in the South and Jim Speed SD, Bill Hudson JD , Norman Dickens and Frank Inman as Stewards.

Bros Edwin N. Kerns, Harvey G. Jackson, and Bobby Ray Johnson became Master Masons on Aug 1972. On Sep 26, Bro Lloyd M. Hunter became a member by affiliation.

Annual dues for membership were raised to \$40.00 on Nov 14, 1972, to become effective at the start of 1973.

Bros James F. Edgerton and Edward J. Master Jr. were made Master Masons on Nov 21, 1972.

On Dec 12, we elected officers for 1973. They were duly installed at an Emergent Communication on Dec 20, 1972 by WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. PM installing officer, WBro C.B. McLean PM Millbrook 97, installing Marshall, George L. Stockstill, installing Chaplain, WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM. Secretary. WBro James S. Johnson Jr. presented Past Masters Certificates to WBros Paul Etheridge Jr., Harold Jones, and Don M. Etheridge, all Past Masters of James B. Green Lodge.

The Charter of the Lodge was presented to the Worshipful Master by WBro Don M. Etheridge PM. The Past Masters Jewel and Apron were presented to WBro Don M. Etheridge by his brother WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. PM.

WBro George S. Stockstill was presented an engraved Gavel as a token of love from his father and his daughters, Elizabeth, and Barbara Ellen. Bro Preston S. Smith was our outgoing, efficient Secretary, who like President Calvin Coolidge did not "Choose to Run" for another term.

Our membership had grown to 137 Brothers. That year we Raised 13 Brothers and admitted 7. We had to exclude 3 Brothers for nonpayment of dues and 1 Brother Demitted.

The Year of 1973

Master George M. Stockstill, SW Rex A. Girton, JW John F. Hutchins, Secretary C. Roger Morgan, and Treasurer W. Charlie Beamon. The Master appointed: SD James W. Speed III, JD Claiborn Burnette, Norman Dickens and Stuart Terry as Stewards, and Frank Inman as the Tyler

Bro Wes Chatham presented an article on Masonry, the subject being "Are we using our working tools," by WBro F. Walter Muller PM.

On Feb 27, 1973, we raised Bros George S. Goodwin, Arthur M. Matthews, Curtis Presley, and Donald R. Price to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Donald M. Etheridge Jr. made application for the degree on March 13, 1973 and signed his petition on his 21st. birthday. He was the first applicant of this Lodge to do so. Terry R. Young also made application on this date. Bro James Hutchins gave a most informative program on the Masonic Relationship to the Holy Bible.

We made Master Masons of Bros William C. Tulloss and Charles E. Bailey on March 27, 1973. WBro Harold Jones PM and our golf team had earned a trophy at a tournament. We do not think they were playing Jack Nicholas or others of that caliber.

The son of our immediate Past Master Don M. Etheridge Sr., Don M. Etheridge Jr. became a Master Mason June 26, along with Bros Robert W. Green, John W. Williams, and Robert Young.

We hope we will have other father & son Master Masons. We now have two, Bros George M. Stockstill PM and his father George L. Stockstill, who claims to be past everything, but NOT a Past Master. It is always a pleasure to see a father Raise his son to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

On Sep 25, we were visited by WBro Otto Neustadt, who gave a most interesting lecture on "Masonic Courtesy." We were always happy to have WBro R. Gage Smith DDGM come to visit us. We formally received him as DDGM of the 25th Masonic District, at which time he presented WBro Norman C. Miller as DEC and Bro Rex Girton as DDGL.

Bro Robert L. Puckett and Bro Robert K. Hartley were received into membership by affiliation on Oct 9, 1973. WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. PM presented Bro Charles H. Watkins his 25 Year Service Award. Bro Otis V. Jones of William G. Hill 218 showed slides and spoke to us about the doings of the Grand Lodge of England. He has a large collection of Lodge Souvenirs in his home, which he invited our members to view.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina requested that we present Bro Edward D. Jeffries his 50 Year Service Emblem for the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The Presentation was made by Bro George L. Stockstill. Bro Jefferies is a member of Pleasant Lodge #63 in Roanoke, Virginia.

Election for Officers for 1974 was held on Dec 11, 1973. The Lodge was closed by George L. Stockstill, father of the Worshipful Master, this being the last act of WBro George M Stockstill as Master of the Lodge.

The last stated meeting was held Christmas night by the newly elected Master, WBro Rex Girton. On that Christmas night, the following Brethren were present: Rex Girton Master, Charles C. Pearce acting as SW, James W. Speed III JW, Roger Morgan as Secretary, George L. Stockstill as Chaplain, Claiborn Burnette SD, Norman O. Dickens JD, Stuart Terry and Don Etheridge Jr. acting as Stewards, and Bro Robert Truelove acting as Tyler. There were others including WBro Don M. Etheridge Sr. PM.

The Lodge membership had decreased to 135. We had Raised 10 new Brothers and admitted 1 for membership. We had 10 Brothers to Demit and we had to exclude 3 Brothers for nonpayment of dues.

The Year of 1974

Master Rex A. Girton, SW John F. Hutchins, JW James W. Speed III, Treasurer W. Charlie Beamon, and Secretary C. Roger Morgan. The Master appointed: George L. Stockstill as Chaplain, SD Claiborn W. Burnette, JD Charles Pearce, Stuart Terry and J. William Hudson as Stewards, and William C. Tulloss as Tyler

Bros Alan L. Novak and Bro Robert L. Puckett became Master Masons Jan 29, 1974. Bibles were presented to the Brethren by WBro Laverne Lewis. Feb 12, Bro Walter C. Gibson Jr. was elected to membership by affiliation.

We Raised the following Brethren to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 23, 1974: William F. Baker and Paul T. Parker. The same was done for Bros Donald R. Howard and J. Earl Koobs on June 4. On June 25, Bros Johnson L. Clement Jr. and Donald R. Rees were Raised to the Degree of Master Masons.

Bro John P. Hollis was elected to membership by affiliation on Aug 13, 1974.

Bro Joe Partin presented the Lodge with a beautiful picture of the aircraft carrier Enterprise, which was built by the Newport Virginia shipyard, from which Bro Joe has recently retired. Raleigh is his new home.

On Sep 24, the following Brethren became Master Masons: Jackson H. Craig, David A. Jensen Jr., John E. King, and Asa M. Manning. Again, we had a long, long night.

Bro J. Harold Myatt Jr. was duly elected a member by affiliation on Nov 12, 1974.

We again elected officers for another year on Dec 10, 1974.

This year the total membership increased to 141 members. We Raised 12 new Brothers and admitted 4 for affiliation. We had to exclude 8 Brothers for nonpayment of dues and had 2 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 1975

Master John F. Hutchins, SW James W. Speed, III, JW Claiborn W. Burnette, Treasurer W. Charles Beamon, Secretary C. Roger Morgan. George L. Stockstill was elected trustee, his term to expire in 1977. The Master appointed the following Brethren to, serve with him: SD Stuart Terry, JD J. William Hudson, James A. Hutchins and Harvey G. Jackson as Stewards, Tyler William C. Tulloss, Assistant Secretary was WBro Don M. Etheridge Sr. PM and George L. Stockstill as Chaplain.

At our first meeting in January 1975, the Brethren had a moment of Silent Prayer in memory of Bro Jackson L. Craig who passed away Jan 5, 1975. Bro Craig was raised Sep 24, 1974. He had passed his proficiency test on the 3rd Degree Nov 26, 1974. We shall always honor his memory here. A Masonic funeral service was held by Eureka Lodge 317, Elizabeth City, as a courtesy for James B. Green.

An Emergent Communication was held on Jan 21 at which time Bro Charles L. Williams and Bro Frankie E. Seamster became Master Masons. WBro Laverne Lewis PM presented each with a copy of the Holy Bible. Bro Herman B. Riggle of Middleton Lodge 34 was presented his 50 year Service Award by WBro Harold L. Jones PM, at the request of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

Bros Bruce F. Campbell, John W. Ginger, Bluford R. Glidewell II, James R. Haven, and Gene E. Lloyd all traveled the same ancient route in becoming Master Masons on the night of March 25, 1975.

WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. PM presented a taped address by the Masonic Service Association on introducing new Masons to Mystic Ties on April 8.

On May 27, we raised Bros John H. Walker and Thomas H. Willis to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bro Charlie Graham, a charter member of our Lodge, affiliated with Southern Pines Lodge 484.

On June 2, 1975, J.J. Crowder Lodge 743 was granted permission to use our Lodge Hall for practice sessions upon the approval of the Worshipful Master. Bro Wes Chatham talked about work in the Fellow Craft Degree in the New York Grand Lodge.

We received Bro Sam B. Walker as a member by affiliation on Aug 11.

On Aug 26, we passed a resolution to allow the Order of the Eastern Star to use our Temple as a meeting place for a newly formed chapter of the Eastern Star UD. A committee was appointed by the Worshipful Master to draft the agreement and procedures for the use of the Temple. George L. Stockstill was Chairman of the committee with Claiborn Burnette and Roger Morgan as members.

WBro Norman C. Miller DDGM, WBro Rex Girton DDGL and Bro Otis Jones DEC were received with appropriate honors on Sep 9. WBro Rex A. Girton was presented the Grand Masters Award for 1974. The report of the committee on resolutions for the use of the Temple by the Order of the Eastern Star was read and approved. A copy of the same is on file with the minutes of the Lodge.

On Sep 23, we raised Bros James M. Carter and Jack B. Mercer to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Our Tobacco Chewing Master was presented a brass cuspidor by Bro George L. Stockstill at that meeting on Oct 14.

25-year pins and Certificates were presented to Bros W. Charles Beamon and C. Roger Morgan at the Annual Banquet on Nov 12.

At the Nov 25, meeting Bros George F. Hackney Jr., Kenneth W. Hales, and Burt H. Pearson III became Master Masons. We did courtesy work in the same Degree for Bro Gary M. McCartney for Anniston Fraternity Lodge 700 in Anniston, Alabama.

We came near the end of ten years as a constituted Masonic Lodge Dec 9, 1975.

We completed that year with 154 members. We had Raised 15 new Brothers, admitted 1 and Restored 2 to membership. We had to exclude 2 Brothers for nonpayment of dues and 2 Brothers Demitted. We had 1 Brother pass away that year.

The Year of 1976 - 10 Years and Growing

Master James W. Speed III, SW Claiborn W. Burnette, JW Stuart Terry, W. Charles Beamon as Treasurer (for the 11th time), and Secretary C. Roger Morgan. The Master appointed: J. William Hudson as SD, James A. Hutchins as JD, Harvey G. Jackson and Elliot Swindell as Stewards, George L. Stockstill Chaplain, and William C. Tulloss as Tyler.

The WM started his year with a unique observance of the Bicentennial of our country. Throughout the year, he wore a colonial period, tri-cornered hat when he sat in the East.

A Family Night Banquet was held on Feb 17 at the Lodge Hall.

A motion was passed to accept a new piano from the James B. Green Chapter UD O.E.S. at the Feb 24 Stated Communication.

We raised two Brethren to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 23, 1976. They were Bros Leo D. Heartt Jr. and Charles H. Wallace.

We completed our celebration of 10 years as a Chartered Lodge on April 22, 1976. We were renewed in Spirit and set forth to have another 10 years of successful growth.

On June 8, Bro Edward B. Roberts was Raised as a Master Mason. Bro Frederick R. Drews was admitted for Affiliation at the meeting on June 22

An Ice Cream Social was held for the Lodge members and families on Aug 12.

On Sep 14, we were visited by WBro Norman C. Miller Jr. DDGM, Bro Frank M. Inman Jr. DDGL, WBro Otis V. Jones, DEC all of the 25th Masonic District. At the Sep 28 meeting, a Memorial Service was presented for Bro Marvin Guess who had passed away Sunday Sep 26. Bro George L. Stockstill showed slides of his trip to the Grand Lodge Temple in Philadelphia, PA.

Bro John P. Hollis was called by the Supreme Architect on Oct 1, 1976.

MWBro Leslie Garner, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina paid his official visit at an Emergent Communication on Oct 7. There were over 109 Brothers present, 45 of which were officers from numerous other lodges.

WBro Norman C. Miller Jr. DDGM (PM Raleigh 500) was elected as an Honorary Member in James B. Green Lodge on Dec 14. The new officers for 1977 were also elected that night. The new officers were installed at the Stated Communication on Dec 28.

We finished our 10th year with a membership totaling 152 Brothers. We had Raised 3 new Brothers and admitted 1 to membership. 2 Brothers were excluded for nonpayment of dues and 2 Brothers had Demitted. We had 2 Brothers pass away that year.

The Year of 1977

Master Claiborn W. Burnette, SW B. Stuart Terry, JW J. William Hudson, Treasurer W. Charlie Beamon (12th Year), and Secretary C. Roger Morgan. The Master appointed the following officers: SD James A. Hutchins, JD Harvey G. Jackson, J. Elliott Swindell Jr. and William C. Tulloss as Stewards, George L. Stockstill as Chaplain, and J. Michael Carter as the Tyler

On Feb 22, WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM was elected to Life Membership in this Lodge. This honor was well deserved. WBro Jimmy was the second member of the Lodge to be paid this honor.

On May 14, a workday had been scheduled by the Worshipful Master. The plan was to build a nice sign in front of the Lodge. He had a large turnout of helpers that day. George M. Stockstill suggested that we could use the extra help to build a shelter over the outdoor grill behind the Lodge.

Everyone was enthusiastic, as always, and materials were quickly secured for the project. The roof and sign were completed in the same day. That afternoon all the Lodge families showed up for a BBQ supper. Over 100 people enjoyed good fellowship and the good food. Overall, it was a great day's work.

An Emergent Communication was called for June 28. That evening we Raised Bros James M. Foushee, William D. Stancil, Michael R. Turner, and John T. Truelove to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Bros William E. Harrelson, Joseph C. Terry, and Craig K. Lewis were Raised as Master Masons at the Stated Communication on Sep 27, 1977. The same was done for Bros Gary M. Ackley, Charles T. Harris, and James H. Johnson Jr. at the Stated meeting on Oct 25.

The Eastern Star Chapter invited all members of the Lodge and their wives to a night honoring Master Masons on Oct 28.

At the Annual Lodge Banquet on Nov 4, Bro Herbert N. Robertson was presented his 25 Year Service Award.

During the meeting on Nov 8, the Worshipful Master announced that a new Lodge was being Instituted on Nov 17 at the Caswell Street Lodge Hall. This Lodge will be known as Masters Lodge #754. We contribute a donation to the new Lodge.

Officers were elected for the year 1978 on Dec 13 and installed on Dec 27.

This year our total membership rose to 160 Brothers. We Raised 10 Brothers admitted 2 and Restored 1 during the year. We also had to exclude 5 Brothers for nonpayment of dues.

The Year of 1978

Master B. Stuart Terry, SW J. William Hudson, JW James A. Hutchins, Treasurer W. Charles Beamon (his 13th year) and Secretary C. Roger Morgan. The Master appointed the following Brothers to serve SD Harvey G. Jackson, JD Norman O. Dickens, J. Michael Carter and William C. Tulloss as Stewards, WBro Claiborn W. Burnette PM as Chaplain, and David A. Jensen Jr. as the Tyler.

Bro Willis J. Ackley was admitted for affiliation with our Lodge on Feb 14. At the Stated Communication on Feb 28, Bros James P. Braziel and Kenneth A. Kirby were Raised as Master Masons along with Bro Steve H. Everhart as a courtesy for Wilmington Lodge 319.

WBro Frank Gatton, DDGM, presented the Lodge with the Grand Masters Award for 1977 at the meeting on May 9.

Bro Charles H. Hunter passed away on July 19, 1978.

On Aug 1, an Emergent Communication was called for the purpose of Raising Bros Danny M. Eatmon, Donnie L. Perry, and Arthur C. Stone to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Bro John T. Truelove gave an interesting Educational program on N.C. Masons during the Revolutionary War Period at the Stated meeting on Sep 12. He wore a military uniform appropriate for that period.

At the Stated meeting on Sep 26, we Raised Bros George M. Burnette, Robert C. Creel, William A. Fader, and Robert C. Moseley as Master Masons. Bro Frederick Hockstra was also Raised as a courtesy for Masters Lodge.

Bro Frank J. Inman Jr. passed away on Oct 8, 1978. On Oct 10, a Masonic Service was held for Bro Inman.

WBro Rex A. Girton, DDGM presented Bro Robert Hartley his 25 Year Service Pin and Certificate at the meeting on Nov 14.

Officers for the year 1979 were elected on Dec 12 and duly installed on Dec 19.

That year our membership decreased to 159 Brothers. We Raised 9 new Brothers admitted 2 members, and Restored 1 Brother. We had to exclude 6 Brothers for nonpayment of dues and 5 Brothers Demitted. We had 2 Brothers to pass away.

The Year of 1979

Master J. William Hudson, SW James A. Hutchins, JW Harvey G. Jackson, Treasurer W. Charles Beamon (14th Year), and Secretary C. Roger Morgan. The Master appointed the following officers: SD Norman O. Dickens, JD William C. Tulloss, J. Michael Carter and David A. Jensen as Stewards, George L. Stockstill as Chaplain and L. Thomas Lassiter as the Tyler. WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM was elected as Trustee thru 1981.

Robes for the Third Degree Team had been made by WBro Rex Girton's wife Barbara and were modeled for the Lodge at the Jan 23 meeting. Bro Ray A. Dedrick was affiliated for membership in our Lodge effective Jan 22, 1979.

An Emergent Communication was called for Feb 6 to Raise Bro Robert F. Benfield as a courtesy for Granville Lodge 389.

At the meeting on Feb 13, the Worshipful Master invited all of the Brethren to attend his wedding, the next Saturday, to be held in Burlington, NC.

Bros Howard S. Cohen and Thomas M. Preston were Raised as Master Masons at the Stated meeting on Mar 27.

At the Stated Communication on May 8, WBro George M. Stockstill PM presented a Diamond Jubilee (60-year veteran) Pin to his father Bro George I. Stockstill. WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM presented the Certificate. Many of George's friends were present from ours and other local lodges. Many good remarks and comments were made about our Brother in his "Time of Celebration and Recognition." WBro Otto Neustadt PM announced that an Order of Jobs Daughters would be Instituted on June 10 and all were invited to attend.

At the July 24 meeting, two applications for sponsorship to the Oxford Orphanage were read and approved. The WM invited all to attend an Ice Cream Social on Aug 24.

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Application For Admission To Oxford Orphanage

Date _____

Application for admission into the Oxford Orphanage is hereby made for _____
a child of sound mind and body, who is in need of services provided by the Oxford Orphanage. _____ he was born in the
State of _____, County of _____, on the _____ day
of _____, 19____. Child's father's name is _____
Father's Masonic affiliation is _____
Father's church affiliation is _____
Present name of the child's natural mother is _____
and her maiden name was _____
Mother's church affiliation is _____
Father died _____, 19____. Cause of death: _____
Mother died _____, 19____. Cause of death: _____
The child is now living in _____ County, _____
and is recommended by _____ Lodge No. _____ of the
Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina.

AGREEMENT

I hereby certify that I am in the legal custody and control of _____
that I am unable to support h_____, or am unable to provide proper supervision for h_____. I therefore apply for the
admission of said child into the Oxford Orphanage. In consideration for the admission and for the nurture of this
child, I hereby agree that Oxford Orphanage may have full control, management and care for this child while he or
she remains a resident at this Orphanage. I do further agree that I will cooperate with the officers of the Orphanage
in the promotion of the best plans possible for the care and training of this child and do further agree that I will give
the Orphanage thirty days notice of my intention to remove said child from care and control of said Orphanage,
understanding that the Orphanage may at its election waive this notice requirement. I further understand and agree
that if said child is not able to benefit from group care and it is found that his or her influence is detrimental to other
children, the Orphanage may elect to discharge said child to the individual who is legally responsible for him or her.
This agreement has been read by me and I understand and consent to each and every condition of this Agreement.

Signature of Parent or Custodian of Child

Witness

Date: _____, 19____

Bro A. Raymond Cole was admitted for membership on Aug 14.

The WM announced, at the Sep 25 meeting, that the Lodge now had 5 Certified Lecturers: 3 renewals and 2 new "A" Certificates. Bro J. Michael Carter and WBro Claiborn W. Burnette were the new Certificates. WBros Harold I. Jones, J. William Hudson, and Rex A. Girton had renewed their Certificates. Bro Thurston E. Rowe was admitted for membership on that evening.

On Oct 6, 1979, an Emergent Communication was called for the purpose of conducting the Funeral Services for Bro George Leamon Stockstill, who had died on Oct 4. Bro George had worked many years in James B. Green and he had been elected to Life Membership in 1968. His contributions were recognized by all and his presence in Lodge would be sorely missed. Bro George had Traveled in Masonry for over 60 years. His Works were now complete and he had passed on to "that house, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Bros David R. Desko, Joe T. Gahagan, and Terry D. Holmes were all Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the Stated Communication on Oct 23.

A motion was passed at the Nov 13 meeting to setup a Building Fund in memory of Bro George L. Stockstill. The purpose of the fund was to speed the retirement of the Mortgage on our Lodge. WBro Rex A. Girton was appointed in charge of the Fund.

Bro Leslie Hardy was presented his 25 Year Service Award Pin and Certificate at the Stated meeting on Nov 27. It was also recognized that Bro Edward B. Hall had been Raised as a Master Mason, as a courtesy for us, by J.J. Crowder Lodge on Nov 15.

At the Dec 11 meeting a tradition was started. It was approved that a fruit basket (and later flowers) would be taken to each of our widows, as a remembrance from the Lodge, before Christmas. That night the WM presented 25 Year Service Award Pins and Certificates to WBro M. Eugene White, Bro George Yancey, and Bro William A. Hawkins. Bro Leo D. Heartt presented Bro Robert D. Truelove and WBro John F. Hutchins with a brass spittoon, for their use in Lodge. WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM made appropriate remarks to assist the presentation. Finally, that same evening, the officers for 1980 were elected by the members present. It was noted and recognized that 16 of the 37 Charter Members attended that evening.

The open Installation of officers was conducted on Dec 18. The last Stated Communication for the year was held on Christmas evening by the newly installed officers.

We completed the year with a total membership of 168 Brothers. We had Raised 6 new Brothers, admitted 3 for membership, and Restored 4 to membership. We had 3 Brothers to Demit. We had 1 Brother to pass away that year.

The Year of 1980 - Time to Burn the Mortgage

Master James A. Hutchins, SW Harvey G. Jackson, JW Norman O. Dickens, Treasurer W. Charlie Beamon (his 15th year), and Secretary C. Roger Morgan. The Master appointed the following Brethren to serve with him: SD J. Michael Carter, JD David A. Jensen Jr., L. Thomas Lassiter and Jack L. Walters as Stewards, WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. PM as Chaplain, and Thurston E. Rowe as Tyler.

In the early part of his year, WBro James Hutchins employed Mr. Wysocki, a stained glass specialist to make the backlit letter "G" which is over the WM's chair. The frame was a Westinghouse clock, which WBro Hutchins converted for this purpose.



Bro Henry B. Bowes was admitted by affiliation for membership on Feb 26.

On Mar 25 we Raised Bro Mark W. Judway and Bro Ronald S. Patterson (as a courtesy for Masters Lodge) to the Degree of Master Mason.

WBro Claiborn W. Burnette was recognized at the meeting on May 13 as the new DDGM for the 25th Masonic District.

It was reported that the Building Fund had grown to \$8,700 at the Stated Communication on June 10.

During the Stated Communication of July 22, we proceed to Raise the following Brothers to the Degree of Master Mason: George W. Barnes, James P. McQueen, Thomas R. Kennedy, and Harvey D. Scott.

An Emergent Communication was held on July 26 for the purpose of Raising the following Brethren to the Degree of Master Mason: Thomas R. Martin, Reginald L. Dupree, and Donald W. Rouse.

At the meeting on Sep 23, WBro George M. Stockstill PM announced that the Mortgage had been "paid in full" on Sep 12, 1980. That same evening we Raised Bro Durward L. Epps to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

The Annual Lodge Banquet was held on Oct 11, 1980. At that time, there was a symbolic "burning of the Mortgage."

Bro William M. Turner was admitted for membership on Oct 28.

Bro Keith R. Foster was called by the Supreme Architect on Nov 2, 1980. Bro W. Clifton Gibson was also called to his "house not made with hands" on Nov 24, 1980.

The Worshipful Master presented Bro Lloyd Hunter his 25 Year Service Award Pin and Certificate at the Stated Communication on Nov 25. That same evening Bros William S. Burgess, Marvin K. Farmer, and Michael K. Marrow were Raised to the Degree of Master Mason, in due form.

WBro Otto Neustadt PM was voted an Honorary Membership in James B. Green Lodge at the Stated meeting on Dec 9. That evening we elected the officers for the year 1981. The new officers were installed on Dec 16.

It was noted by the Worshipful Master that more Degree work was performed in his year than in any other previous year in the Lodge. They Raised 12 candidates tying the records set in 1970 and 1974.

That year our membership had grown to 178 Brothers. We had Raised 12 new Brothers, admitted 2 to membership, and Restored 1 to membership. We had 2 Brothers to Demit. We had to exclude 1 Brother for nonpayment of dues. We had 2 Brothers pass away that year.

RALEIGH SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

DEED OF TRUST

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

THIS DEED OF TRUST, made and entered into this 14th day of April, 1971, by and between LONNIE D. LLOYD, JR., JACK MOORE, and GEORGE L. STOCKSTILL, TRUSTEES FOR JAMES B. GREEN, LODGE NO. 735 A.F. & A.M.

of the County of Wake, State of North Carolina, hereinafter called the parties of the first part (whether one or more), and CHARLES H. YOUNG and A. L. PURRINGTON, JR., Trustees, of Wake County, North Carolina, parties of the second part, sometimes hereinafter called the "Trustees," and the RALEIGH SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of North Carolina, having its principal office in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, party of the third part, sometimes hereinafter called the "Association";

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, the parties of the first part are justly indebted to the Association for money borrowed in the principal sum of Twenty-one Thousand and No/100-----

(\$21,000.00.....) Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate specified in a promissory note of even date herewith, evidencing said indebtedness, executed and delivered by the parties of the first part and payable, principal and interest, in installments as specified in said note; and

Whereas, the parties of the first part have agreed to secure the payment of said note according to its tenor by the conveyance of the land hereinafter described; and

Whereas, the parties of the first part have agreed also that this deed of trust shall secure all subsequent loans, advances, costs or expenses made by the Association to or on account of the parties of the first part, or either of them, or for the protection of the property hereinafter described, at any time before the release and cancellation of this deed of trust; provided, that principal of said subsequent loans and advances, when made, together with the then unpaid balance of the original indebtedness herein described and unpaid, loans, costs, expenses and advances theretofore made, shall not exceed the principal amount of the original indebtedness; and provided that interest, costs, expenses and advances required to be made to protect the security or to discharge a paramount lien on the property hereinafter described shall be secured hereby without limitation in respect of the amount thereof; and provided further that the note hereinbefore described and all such subsequent loans and advances, costs and expenses shall mature and become due and payable not later than twenty-five years from the date hereof, it being understood and agreed that if any note, loan, advance or other obligation secured hereby, whether representing the initial indebtedness or additional advances, is reduced by partial payments, further loans or advances may be made by the Association, at its election, to the parties of the first part upon request by them within the maximum amount and within the time limit above set forth, and such further obligations or advances shall be secured hereby to the same extent as the original indebtedness hereunder:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and One Dollar to each of them in hand paid by the parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is acknowledged, the parties of the first part have given, granted, bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns, the following described land in House Creek----- Township, Wake County, North Carolina, particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the North right-of-way line of S.R. 1819 5/10ths mile from S.R. 1005, said point being marked with an iron pipe, which point is a common corner of the lands belonging to Eugene Douglas Boney, Jr., et ux, and I. Hill Powell, et ux, and runs thence North 24 degrees 26 minutes East 124.19 feet to an iron marker; thence, North 12 degrees 06 minutes East, 286.50 feet to an iron marker, the common corner of lands of Eugene Douglas Boney, Jr., et ux, I. Hill Powell, et ux and Charles R. Stevens, thence North 46 degrees 30 minutes West 48.74 feet to an iron marker; thence South 36 degrees 38 minutes West 387.60 feet to an iron marker in the right-of-way line of S.R. 1819; thence, South 53 degrees 15 minutes East 200 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING containing one and two tenths acres more or less.

PAID and SATISFIED IN FULL

This the 12th day of Sept, 1980
RALEIGH FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION
Raleigh, N. C. — Owner and Assignee

By [Signature] Title VP

CANCELLED
R. R. MCENZIE, JR.
REGISTER OF DEEDS
[Signature]

The Year of 1981

Master Harvey G. Jackson, SW Norman O. Dickens, JW J. Michael Carter, Treasurer W. Charlie Beamon (his 16th year), and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 10th year as Secretary). WBro George M. Stockstill was elected Trustee, his term to expire in 1983. The Master appointed the following Brethren to serve with him: SD David A. Jensen Jr., JD L. Thomas Lassiter, Jack L. Walters and Thurston E. Rowe as Stewards, M. Wesley Chatam as Chaplain, and James H. Johnson Jr. as Tyler

Bros David Warren McDonald and Lewis P. Wilson were Raised as Master Masons during the Stated Communication on Jan 27.

Bro Ronald N. Sandritter was admitted by affiliation on Apr 9.

At the Stated Communication on May 12, we Raised the following Brethren to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: Donnie W. Barbour, Michael W. Brantley, Milton D. Roundtree, Steve C. Spence, and William T. Stallings.

That year on May 31, we started a tradition of our Oxford Orphanage Annual Cookout. Bro Norman Dickens gets credit for heading up the operation that year. Bro Norman had the children worried. He had loaded his truck body with ice and soft drinks, but had put a cover over the load to keep the ice from melting. The children kept worrying about the drinks, but Bro Norm did not let the secret out until it was time to eat. That was probably a good idea. The truck was quickly emptied of its load by the children.

A motion was passed, at the Stated meeting on June 23, to grant permission to J.J. Crowder Lodge to hold meetings in our Lodge.

It was reported at the meeting on July 28 that the Lodge had made \$245 dollars on the sale of knives.

At the Stated meeting on Aug 11, we proceeded to Raise Bros M. Glenn Davis Jr. and Lee A. Tutt to the Degree of Master Mason.

On Sep 9, we were visited by WBro J. William Hudson DDGL and WBro Claiborn W. Burnette DDGM (both 25th Masonic District and Past Masters of our Lodge). WBro Burnette spoke of the Grand Masters plans for the Masonic Foundation. This \$10 million fund would result from each NC Mason's donation of \$200 over the next 10-year period.

At the Stated meeting of Nov 24, it was announced that Bro Raymond W. Catlette had passed away the previous day. That evening we proceed to Raise Bro Elbert McPhaul Jr. to the Degree of Master Mason.

At the Stated meeting on Dec 8, the WM presented 25 Year Service Award Pins and Certificates to the following Brethren: WBro Claiborn W. Burnette, Bros M. Wesley Chatham, Turner M. Williams, Roy A. Palmer Jr., and Melbourne G. Davis Sr. That evening we elected the officers for the year 1982. The new officers were installed at the Stated Communication on Dec 22.

We finished the year with 185 Brothers. We had Raised 11 new Brothers and admitted 1 for membership. We had 1 Brother to Demit. We had to exclude 3 Brothers for nonpayment of dues. We had 1 Brother to pass away during the year.

The Year of 1982

Master Norman O. Dickens, SW J. Michael Carter, JW David A. Jensen Jr., Treasurer W. Charlie Beamon (his 17th year), and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 11th year). WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM as Trustee thru 1984. The Master appointed the following officers: SD L. Thomas Lassiter, JD Jack L. Walters, Thurston E. Rowe and James H. Johnson as Stewards, V. James Iraggi as Chaplain, and Michael K. Marrow as Tyler.

Bro Robert T. Barham Sr. was called to work by the Supreme Architect on April 20, 1982.

An Emergent Communication was called on May 17 for the purpose of the Grand Master's visit. WBro Claiborn W. Burnette PM presented MWBro A.C. (Jack) Honeycutt Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina. The MWGM spoke on Masonic protocol and indicated that he was doing away with part on it.

At the Stated meeting on Aug 10, Bro M. Wesley Chatam was presented a Plaque of Appreciation from the Lodge. Bro Wes had always been very active in the Lodge both as an officer and in the Degree work. Bro Wes was planning to move to Ashville, NC area to continue his retirement. We wished him well in his new circumstances.

At the State Communication on Aug 24, we proceed to Raise Bros Mark A. Thompson, Gene A. Smith, and James G. Lassiter to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. This was a unique occurrence as well. That night a brother Raised a brother (Bro Russell Thompson. his brother Mark), a father Raised a son (Bro Carlton Smith, his son Gene), and a grandfather Raised a grandson (WBro Jack Howard, his grandson Jim).

The Annual Lodge Banquet was held on Oct 26 along with a Past Master's Night. Bro J. Michael Carter presented a program. That evening twelve of the sixteen Past Masters were present to be honored by their Lodge.

Bro Robert D. Truelove was given the task of seeing that a canopy was built to cover the side steps of the Lodge. The work crew headed by WBro George M. Stockstill was able to accomplish this fine undertaking on a Saturday morning. The canopy was a great addition to the building.

WBro J. William Hudson DDGL and WBro Claiborn W. Burnette DDGM made their official visit at the Stated meeting on Nov 11. WBro Otto Neustadt also conducted an Educational Program on Masonic Funerals.

At the meeting on Nov 23, the WM reported that he had carried a pickup truck load of donated candy (the Brock Company) to the children at Oxford Orphanage (the go the dentist bills). I am sure the children will remember that visit.

The WM presented Bro Lonnie D. Lloyd his 25 Year Service Award Pin and Certificate at the Stated meeting on Dec 14. That evening we also elected the officers for the year 1983.

That year we increased our membership to 187 Brothers. We Raised 3 new Brothers admitted 2 to membership and Restored 4 to membership. We had 2 Brothers to Demit. We had to exclude 4 Brothers for nonpayment of dues. We had 1 Brother to pass away that year.

The Year of 1983

Master J. Michael Carter, SW David A. Jensen Jr., JW L. Thomas Lassiter, Treasurer W. Charlie Beamon (his 18th year), and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 12th year). L. D. Lloyd was elected as a Trustee until 1985. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD Jack L. Walters, JD Thurston E. Rowe, James H. -Johnson Jr. and Michael K. Marrow as Stewards, WBro Harvey Jackson PM as Chaplain, and Michael W. Brantley as the Tyler.

At the Stated Communication on Jan 25, we proceed to Raise Bros Frederick C. Mead and Charles M. Young to the Degree of Master Mason.

Bro Gabe Austell, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, presented a slide show and talk on the Orphanage at the Stated meeting on Mar 8.

On Mar 16, 1983, Bro Thomas I. Williams was called to be with the Supreme Architect.

On April 26, Bro Thurston Rowe resigned as Jr. Deacon. He had accepted a job transfer to Washington.

Bro Ronald C. Hawker was Raised to the Degree of Master Mason at the Stated meeting on May 24.

That Summer and Fall, numerous repairs and improvements were made to the Lodge and surrounding property. A better drainage system was installed along the basement wall to protect from moisture. The Lodge property was resurveyed and a chain link fence was erected, to include the gates to the driveway. A split rail fence was installed along road right of way in the front yard.

On Oct 25, at the Stated Communication, Bros Allan B. Bonner Jr., Richard D. Irons and Robin A. Dedrick were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in due form.

It should be noted that from the year Bro Allan Bonner was Raised, he has coached on the Third Degree. All Brethren Raised since have completed their Proficiency on the Third Degree Catechism. Thanks Bro Allan for all the good work. It is also very fitting to remember all of our Degree Coaches at this time, and since. As we all know, Coaches often have a difficult task (not to mention hardheaded pupils) to perform. Without all the hours given by the Coaching Staff, few of us would have Advanced in our Degrees in a timely manner.

At the Stated meeting on Dec 13, WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM was presented his 25 Year Service Award Pin and Certificate. We also elected the officers for 1984. They were installed at the Dec 27 Stated meeting. Bro Clifton N. Bagley was also presented with his 25 Year Service Award Pin and Certificate that same evening.

That year we had increased to a membership of 188 Brothers. We had Raised 6 Brothers and Restored 1 Brother to membership. We had to exclude 2 Brothers and 3 Brothers Demitted. We had 1 Brother to pass away that year.

The Year of 1984

Master David A. Jensen Jr., SW L. Thomas Lassiter, JW Jack L. Walters, Treasurer W. Charlie Beamon (his 19th year), and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 13th year). WBro George M. Stockstill was elected a Trustee thru 1986. The Master appointed the following Brethren to serve with him: SD Michael K. Marrow, JD Michael W. Brantley, M. Glenn Davis Jr. and Reginald L Dupree as Stewards, Elbert McPhaul as Chaplain, and Mark A. Thompson as Tyler.

WBro David Jensen started the year by having to repair the sign in front of the Lodge. A winter storm had blown the sign down. With the assistance of 4 or 5 Brothers, he made a quick fix (maybe meant to last a few years), but the sign is still standing today.

The WM had the pleasure of seeing that all the current Brothers in the Lodge were issued an engraved Membership Certificate. These Certificates are now issued to each Brother when he is Raised.

A minor concern arose over the addition of more outdoor lights in the rear of the Lodge. Ultimately, it was decided to install another area light behind the Lodge.

Bro John W. Cartwright was admitted for membership on Mar 13.

Bros Dean A. Collins and Dewey W. Fuquay Jr. were Raised as Master Masons at the Stated meeting on March 27.

The Long Range Planning Committee reported that the Lodge needs the following items: a new vacuum cleaner, painting of the fire escape step and HVAC tower, painting inside the Lodge and replacing the kitchen sink. All of these items were completed in a short period. The vacuum cleaner was purchased, personally, by the WM.

The WM declared the Stated Communication on May 8 to be Past Master's Night. The Chairs were all filled by Past Masters, in descending order of seniority. All the PM's but 3 were present (15 of the 18). Each was presented, by the WM, with a Past Master's Certificate and a label pin as a memento of the evening. The regular officers all sat on the sidelines that night

We had another great cookout at Oxford Orphanage on May 27.

At the Stated Communication on May 1, we proceeded to Raise Bros Joseph A. Bowling, Kenneth R. Killinger, and Kenneth A. Thompson, to the Degree of Master Mason. This was completed in due form. Fortunately, for the Lodge, Bro Joe Bowling was a paint contractor. His crew painted the complete inside of the Lodge for us, and it still looks good.

Bros John M. Moore and C. Alexander Turner Jr. were Raised in due form at the Stated meeting on Sep 25. Bro Edward B. Sanderford Jr. was Raised by Tidal Wave Lodge 273, Portsmouth, VA, as a courtesy for us on Oct 9.

The Annual Lodge Banquet was held on Oct 19 with an entertaining talk by Bro Don Bennett. WBro John Barkley DDGL and WBro Phil Olmstead DDGM both of the 25th Masonic District paid a formal visit at the Nov 13 Stated meeting.

The WM personally visited Mona Warren, at Oxford Orphanage by our sponsorship. We donated funds for her to purchase some new clothes and personal items. Several members of the Lodge and their wives took Mona to Crabtree on a shopping expedition. She was very grateful to the Lodge for our gifts and concern.

At the Dec 11 meeting, Bro C. Roger Morgan was elected Secretary Emeritus.

He was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many (13 years) years of service to the Lodge as its Secretary. Bro W. Charlie Beamon, our Treasurer Emeritus, was presented a Meritorious Service Award for the many (19 years) years of service to the Lodge. To that time, Bro Charlie had been to only Treasurer to serve the Lodge. That evening we elected the officers for 1985. We also admitted Bro Lecil R. Reese for membership that evening.

The installation was scheduled for Dec 28 that year. This year the Past Master was pressed back into service to the Lodge, WBro David Jensen Jr. was elected as the new Secretary. Bro C. Roger Morgan was going to take a well-deserved break from these duties.

That year our membership climbed to 193 Brothers. We had Raised 9 new Brothers and admitted 2 for membership. We had to exclude 2 Brothers for nonpayment of dues and 4 Brothers Demitted.

The Year of 1985

Master L. Thomas Lassiter, SW Jack L. Walters, JW Michael K. Marrow, Treasurer W. Charlie Beamon (his 20th year), and WBro David A. Jensen Jr. as Secretary. WBro James S. Johnson Jr. was reelected as Trustee thru 1987. The Master appointed the following officers to serve: SD Michael W. Brantley, JD M. Glenn Davis Jr., Mark A. Thompson and Allan B. Bonner as Stewards, Richard D. Irons as Chaplain, and Gene A. Smith as Tyler

At the meeting on Jan 8, it was reported that the school at Oxford Orphanage would be closed at the end of the current school year. The children would be attending the county school system in the future. This change prompted much discussion across the State, but in the end, the change was for the best interest of the children. It was reported that Bro A. Leon Gray, past Superintendent of Oxford Orphanage had recently died. Our new Bro John Moore announced he would soon be leaving town, as he had just joined the Navy. He expressed his appreciation for all the help of the Brethren in getting him thru to the Degree of Master Mason.

Bros Gregory S. Tarlton and Michael W. Burnette were Raised to the Degree of Master Mason at the Stated meeting on Jan 28.

At the meeting on Feb 12, Bro Leo Heartt reported that the display case had been completely refinished by Bro Jack Hines, at no cost to the Lodge, and had been installed in the lobby. A motion was made and passed to donate \$50 to Oxford and the M&ES Home in Bro Jack's name as an honor for the work done.



Bro James H. Bailey was admitted for membership on Feb 21.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Jessie Neustadt, wife of WBro Otto Neustadt, Honorary member of our Lodge, in April of 1985.

On May 19, we made another trip to Oxford to have our annual cookout for the children. We used a new charcoal cooker that had been built by Bro Allan Bonner Jr. and donated to the Lodge. We cooked for close to 200 children that day. That amounts to over 400 hamburgers and 200 hot dogs, all prepared, and served in about 45 minutes. The children really enjoyed the food, some of them several times thru the line. The new cooker really paid off. The cupcakes were a great success. We also visited Mona Warren that day. She had a chance to meet many of the Lodge members and their families.

At the meeting on May 28, it was reported that the WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM had surgery and was still hospitalized, but was doing better. Several Brothers donated blood to replace that amount required during WBro Jimmy's operation. The WM had been on a mission to get a new sink for the Lodge. It was reported that a new deep sink would be installed that week. Good work WBro Tommy, from all of us who have had an easier job of washing the dishes ever since. Bro Jimmy Iraggi and Bro Rick Dupree both donated additional furniture to the coaching room. Bro Iraggi was also on a mission to see about replacing the oven and stove in the kitchen.

At the Jun 11 Stated meeting we were pleased to see WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM back out at the Lodge. There were discussions of reducing the number of Stated meetings to 1 per month vs. 2 and the possibility of only doing that in July thru August was also discussed. In the final analysis, it was felt that

reducing the number of Stated meetings would hurt, not help the Lodge. We also voted not to open the Lodge Hall for use by a third (to be formed) Lodge at this time.

Bro Tommy A. Harmon was recognized as our newest member, having been admitted for membership by affiliation on June 6.

Bro Leo Heartt made several donations of books about Masonry to the Lodge. A library was beginning to accumulate. Bro Leo also helped get a cabinet in which to store this growing collection of books.

It was about this time that a new oven was purchased for the kitchen.

We had 2 ice cream socials that Summer, to the enjoyment of all who attended.

Bro Blake B. Adams was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the Stated Communication on Sep 10.

At the Stated meeting on Sep 24, WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM reported on the plans to connect the heating system to City natural gas vs. propane. There were some problems. Both the upper and lower heating/air conditioning unit needed to be replaced. Both had been running since installation in 1970. Total cost was about \$5,800. At least it was still warm weather vs. in the middle of the heating season. The J. B. Green O.E.S. Chapter 352 made a nice contribution toward the furnace expenses.

Bro Dean Collins introduced Scott Knowles, State Master Counselor of the Order of DeMolay at the Stated meeting on Nov 12. Mr. Knowles outlined some of his programs and activities planned for the year. He then presented the Flower Talk for the Lodge. It was a most enjoyable program.

At the meeting on Nov 26, an anonymous donation of \$2000 to the Lodge capital improvements fund was reported by WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM. It was decided to keep to rents charge to J.J. Crowder and the O.E.S. at the current level. It was also decided not to increase Lodge dues at this time. It was planned again to distribute fruit baskets to our Masonic widows at Christmas.

It was reported that Bro M. Wesley Chatham had been called by the Supreme Architect on Dec 3. Bro Willie A. Hawkins also passed away on Dec 31 that year. Bro Willie was a Charter Member of James B. Green Lodge.

The duly elected officers for 1986 were installed on Dec 27.

That year we had increased our membership to 190 Brothers. We had Raised 3 Brothers and admitted 2 for membership. We had 2 Brothers to Demit. We had to exclude 4 for nonpayment of dues. We had 2 Brothers to pass away that year.

The Year of 1986

Master Jack L. Walters, SW Michael K. Marrow, JW Michael W. Brantley, Treasurer W. Charlie Beamon (his 21th year), and Secretary WBro David A. Jensen Jr. L. D. Lloyd was elected as a Trustee thru the year 1988. The Master appointed the following to serve SD M. Glenn Davis Jr., JD Mark A. Thompson, Allan B. Bonner and Richard D. Irons as Stewards, and Leo D. Heartt as the Tyler.

In January, the final conversion of the furnaces from propane to natural gas was completed. The new stove and oven were installed in the kitchen.

On Feb 11 at the Stated Communication, we proceeded to Raise Bros Gerald C. Letterman, Geoffrey S. Southworth, Wallace B. O'Neal, and John H. Long as Master Masons.

WBro J. William Hudson was appointed DDGM for the 25th Masonic District in April that year.

We had another busy night on May 22. We proceeded to Raise Bros Ben R.

Turner, Norman K. Gearing, Robert L. Taylor, Steven D. Huth, and John S. Jenkins, all to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

There were several ice cream socials held that summer, a good time was had by all.

The Lodge voted to continue the practice of giving the newly Raised Brethren the traditional, personal sized Bible. A larger family sized Bible was offered as a special purchase available to the Brethren. Numerous Brethren took advantage of the opportunity to purchase a nice family Bible.

Another tradition was started that year. Bro Geoffrey Southworth proposed that the Lodge sponsor a pool party for the teenagers from Oxford Orphanage. This was a fine idea. We also invited the members of the DeMolay and Rainbow girls. This has become an annual event since that time. On Aug 13, we were sad to perform a Masonic Funeral service for Bro Joseph Bowling, who passed away on Aug 11. Bro Joe had been a member of the Lodge for just over 2 years. He had worked hard to be a good Brother and we would miss him.

On Sep 25, at an Emergent Communication, we Raised Bro Gary D. Lawrence to the Degree of Master Mason.

At the Oct 28 Stated meeting a proposal was approved to amend the By-Laws to raise the annual Lodge dues from \$40 per year to \$55 per year, effective on Jan 1, 1987.

The J.B. Green Chapter O.E.S. held a Halloween party that year and all who attended had a great time.

Again that Christmas we visited our Masonic widows with fruit baskets. We elected officers at the 1st Stated in December and installed them on Dec 23.

That year we ended the year with a total membership of 196 Brothers. We had Raised 10 new Brothers. We had 1 Brother to Demit. We had to exclude 2 Brothers for nonpayment of dues. We had 1 Brother to pass away that year.

The Year of 1987

Master Michael K. Marrow, SW Michael W. Brantley, JW M. Glenn Davis Jr., Treasurer W. Charlie Beamon (his 22nd year), and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 14th year). George M. Stockstill was elected as Trustee thru 1989. The Master appointed the following officers to serve: SD Mark A. Thompson, JD Allan B. Bonner Jr., Richard D. Irons and C. Alex Turner as Stewards, WBro Harvey D. Jackson as Chaplain, and Leo D. Heartt as the Tyler.

That year we had about 43 members and wives attend the Annual Valentines Banquet on Feb 13. It was a good night for food and fellowship.

Bro John D. Caffey was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, in due form, at the Stated Communication on Mar 24. The Second Section featured the Degree Team in Costumes for the first time in many years. This added greatly to the occasion and the work was well done.

WBro Eddie P. Stiles, DDGM of the 25th MD was the featured speaker at our meeting on April 14. WBro Eddie gave a very informative lecture on Free Masonry and its history.

We had another fine turnout for the Annual Oxford Cookout on May 31. The children consumed many hamburgers and hot dogs, not to mention cupcakes.

WBro Frank Maddrey and WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. donated numerous books to our collection. Bro Leo Heartt managed to acquire an additional storage cabinet to store the expanded collection. WBro Michael W. Brantley began to start organizing the collection so members could check out books to examine. WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM donated his Masonic Dues Cards for the years 1965 & 1966, when he had been the first Master of our Lodge.

We were visited by Mr. Charles Dunn, Assoc. Directory of the SBI. Mr. Dunn gave a very informative talk on the Drug problems in North Carolina and the steps law enforcement bodies were taking to halt the situation.

We had several ice cream socials that Summer and held another pool party for the teenagers from Oxford Orphanage. Over 100 members and guests attended the pool party.

The Stated meeting on Aug 11 featured a meal prepared by our great Chef, Bro Robert D. Truelove. That evening a special program on AIDS presented, by Bro (Dr) Richard Irons, (over 72 members and wives attended). Bro Irons was involved with AIDS related research at his job here in the Raleigh Area. This proved to be a very informative program on the subject, which was just beginning to make national headlines that year.

At the Aug 11 meeting, it was announced that J.J. Crowder Lodge had obtained the deed to a lot for their new Lodge building.

At the Stated Communication on Sep 22, we proceed to Raise Bro Wade D. Holland and Bro William K. Peters (as a courtesy for Carthage Lodge 158 in Carthage, NY, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

We were greatly saddened to hear that Bro Charlie Beamon's wife had passed away the previous weekend during the Stated on Oct 10. Bro Don Bennett presented an excellent talk at the Annual Lodge Banquet on Oct 14.

WBro Michael Carter informed the Lodge that his niece, Brooke Ward, was sick with leukemia and funds were needed for a bone marrow transplant. The Lodge agreed to join with the Eastern Star Chapter for a fund raising event scheduled for Nov 21, that day being declared as Brooke Ward Day here in Raleigh. Numerous fund raising activities were scheduled. Over \$1300 was raised from our efforts. Locally, over \$70,000 were raised. Brooke ultimately went to Seattle, Washington for the operation, one of the first of its kind for so young a child. She spent many weeks away from home that year. We all wished her success and quick recovery.

At the Stated Communication on Nov 24, we elected MWBro Eddie P. Stiles, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, as an Honorary Member in our Lodge.

The Grand Lodge celebrated 200 years of Masonry in North Carolina at a Banquet on Dec 5. Numerous Bicentennial commemorative items were available from the Grand Lodge that year.

Bro Robert Truelove was recognized for all the fine meals he had served in the past year, at the meeting on Dec 8. We elected the officers for 1988 that evening. We delivered poinsettias to our Masonic widows that year.

The new officers were installed at the open installation on the next Stated meeting of Dec 22. That evening we elected WBro John E. Brownsword (PM of Star Lodge 183 in Cuyahoga Falls, OH, also Honorary PM of Lancaster 57 in Lancaster, OH) to a Dual Membership in our Lodge.

That year we decreased in membership to 191 Brothers. We had Raised 2 new Brothers and admitted 1 for membership. We had 1 Brother to Demit. We excluded 7 Brothers for nonpayment of dues

The Year of 1988

Master Michael W. Brantley, SW M. Glenn Davis Jr., JW Mark A. Thompson, Treasurer W. Charles Beamon (his 23rd year), and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 15th year). WBro James S. Johnson Jr. was elected Trustee until 1990. The Master appointed the following Brethren to serve as officers: SD Allan B. Bonner Jr., JD Richard D. Irons, John S. Jenkins and John Caffey as Stewards, Lecil R. Reece as Chaplain, and Leo D. Heartt Jr. as the Tyler.

At the Stated Communication on Jan 12, we voted to purchase one Silver Bicentennial Coin for our display case. We also vote to have the Altar Bible repaired and rebound. Bro Robert D. Truelove was again recognized by the Lodge for his years of service as our Chief Chef (since 1971).

The WM started an outstanding series of Masonic Education Programs that year. There was an Education Program each month. The topics ranged from Hermes Trismegistus to the great Masonic poet and storyteller, Rudyard Kipling, from the ideal female form to the most informative lecture on cancer. Our Masonic library continued to grow. It was becoming more organized and available for use.

Bro Bobby W. Senter was called by the Supreme Architect on April 3rd of that year. Bro Bobby was a Charter Member of our Lodge.

At the Stated Communication on April 26, we elected Bro William K. Peters to a Dual Membership (this became a singular membership in Nov of 1988) in our Lodge. We proceed to Raise Bro Thomas J. Hess to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, in due form.

That night Bro William Charles Beamon (our faithful Treasurer of 23 years) was elected to Life Membership, only the 3rd Brother to be so honored in this Lodge.

We had another good feed at the Oxford Cookout, under the supervision of Bro Allan Bonner.

Bro Donald A. Bennett was duly elected as an Honorary Member of this Lodge on June 14. Bro Don had devoted many hours of service to our Lodge, most especially helping with our Masonic Funerals. It was reported that MWBro Eddie P. Stiles, PGM, was in the hospital in critical condition from a sudden illness.

Again that year we had several ice cream socials for the Lodge families. We held the pool party for the teenagers from Oxford and it was well attended.

Bro Stanley O. Barefoot was admitted to membership by affiliation at the meeting on Oct 11. Our Honorary Members were awarded a special invitation and recognized at the Annual Lodge Banquet on Oct 21.

WBro Jack L. Walters was recognized as the DDGL and WBro Bill Hudson as the DDGM of the 25th Masonic District at the meeting on Oct 25. Bro Allan Bonner reported on the great success of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home State Golf Tournament that had been held in Greensboro.

It was reported at the meeting on Nov 8, that Bro Richard D. Irons would be leaving the Lodge because of a position he would be taking in Colorado as part of a cancer research team. We were sad to see Bro Rich leave, but wished him well and success in his new position. That night the Lodge decided to try to repair a problem with the pump and well. The other option would have been to pay for connection to City Water. A new pump was installed within a few weeks.

That year we had generously opened the Lodge for use by numerous Masonic related groups. We had even provided space for training of the 1990 Census workers.

Bro Robert D. Truelove was again recognized for his service to the Lodge as our Chief Cook at the meeting on Dec 13, a Feed Night at the Lodge. That evening the WM presented 25 Year Service Award Pins and Certificates to the following Brethren: WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. PM, WBro Donald M. Etheridge PM, and Bro Marion M. Lipscomb.

It was reported that Bro Ken Killinger suffered about \$50,000 in damage to his home by the recent tornado. WBro Jack L. Walters reported his daughter's apartment was destroyed. Fortunately, none of our members were seriously injured by the storm that caused so much damage to that area of North Raleigh. We also elected the new officers for 1989 that evening.

The new officers were installed at the Stated Communication on Dec 27. It was reported that the Lodge had been broken into during the previous week. There had been little damage to the Lodge and nothing had been stolen. We had been lucky,

We ended the year with a total membership of 190 Brothers. We had Raised 1 new Brother that year. We admitted 2 Brothers and Restored 2 Brothers to membership. We had 1 Brother to Demit. We excluded 4 Brothers for nonpayment of dues. We had 1 Brother to pass away that year.

The Year of 1989

Master M. Glenn Davis Jr., SW Mark A. Thompson, JW Allan B. Bonner Jr., Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters, and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 16th year). L. D. Lloyd was elected to serve as Trustee thru 1991. The Master appointed the following officers to serve with him: SD John S. Jenkins, JD John D. Caffey, Lecil R. Reece and Gerald C. Letterman as Stewards, WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. as Chaplain, and Thomas J. Hess as the Tyler.

The year started with a great Valentine's Banquet. Bro Robert D. Truelove cooked and excellent meal that was enjoyed by all. Bro J.C. Knowles gave a very informative talk on Love and its several applications in our lives.

WBro Jack L. Walters DDGL and WBro J. William Hudson DDGM both of the 25th MD made their formal visits to the Lodge in March. WBro Bill Hudson had served as the DDGM for the last 3 years; as such, he will have earned the title of Past DDGM.

After Grand Lodge in April, Bro J. Luigi Ammons was introduced to the Lodge as the DDGM of the 25th MD along with WBro David G. Cronk, DDGL 25th MD. WBro Cronk reported that J.J. Crowder Lodge had made good progress with the building of their new Temple.

Bro Allan Bonner headed up the Oxford Cookout for another year. The children had a great time and consumed lots of food and cupcakes.

In May, we purchased a new 15 cu. ft. freezer for the Lodge kitchen.

At the Stated Communication on June 13, a motion was passed not to allow smoking in the Lodge room. This was communicated to J.J. Crowder and the Eastern Star Chapter.

At the Stated meeting on Jun 27, Bro John Jenkins resigned as the SD because of plans to retire and move to the Southern Pines area. That night we proceed to Raise Bro Steven P. Kennedy to the Degree of Master Mason.

The WM had several ice cream socials that Summer. He even had one watermelon social, just to be different. The pool party for Oxford had a little problem with cold weather that year. It was well attended just the same.

Bro Marvin J. Spivey was presented his 25 Year Service Award Pin and Certificate by the WM at the Stated meeting on Aug 8. It was reported that MWBro Eddie P. Stiles was critically ill, but was at home now. We had some additional problems with the well and pump, but they had been repaired.

The plan had been to clean the Lodge building and apply a fresh coat of paint in August. The weatherman did not get the word. The rain was not too bad, when Bro Allan Bonner and Bro John Warren (J.J. Crowder) planned to high-pressure wash the building. We needed a dry weekend to apply the paint, but it

just kept raining. It was also determined that the roof had come to a point of needing new shingles as well. Bro Robert D. Truelove searched for and found a good roofing contractor to do the job for the Lodge.

At the Stated Communication on Sep 12, we proceeded to Raise Bro Charles A. Silber to the Degree of Master Mason, in due form.

At the meeting of Sep 26, it was reported that MWBro Eddie P. Stiles PGM, had passed on "to that house, not made with hands." Bro Eddie had been a very active Mason for many years. He served the Craft with decorum and he will be greatly missed. We knew him as a friend and a Brother. We shall all miss him.

At the Stated meeting on Oct 10, it was reported that Bro Jimmy Iraggi's wife was doing better after her recent illness. Bro Leo Heartt was also doing better after having a serious infection in his foot. It was reported that WBro Jack O. Howard was in very poor health at this time. We voted to have the Lodge building painted by Mr. Don Moore. This way maybe he could do the job between the rainy days that just kept coming on the weekends.

By the Oct 24 meeting, we had a freshly painted Lodge building with a new roof.

We elected Bro Russell J. Liachoff for membership by affiliation. The WM reported that the City of Raleigh planned to widen Lynn Road. This project would take about 30 feet from our front yard and would take a year or more to complete. We would have to wait to see the total effect on our property. The WM reported that the Annual Lodge Banquet had been a great success.

Lodge Officers for 1990 were elected at the meeting on Dec 12 and installed at the meeting on Dec 26.

We were sad to learn of the passing of WBro Jack O. Howard PM and member of Vandora Lodge, the father-in-law of WBro Tommy Lassiter.

We completed the year with a total of membership of 186 Brothers. We had Raised 2 new Brothers, admitted 1 for membership and Restored 1 Brother to membership. We had 3 Brothers to Demit. We had to exclude 5 Brothers for nonpayment of dues.

The Year of 1990 - Our 25th Anniversary Year

Master Mark A. Thompson, SW Allan B. Bonner Jr., JW Lecil R. Reece, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters, and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 17th year). WBro George M. Stockstill was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 1992. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD John D. Caffey, JD Jerry C. Letterman, WBro John E. Brownsword and Stanley O. Barefoot as Stewards, WBro David A. Jensen Jr. as Chaplain, and William K. Peters as the Tyler.

We elected Bro Allan F. Howlett to membership by affiliation at the Stated meeting on Jan 25.

We were sad to hear of the passing of WBro Rex Girton's father in January. We were also saddened to learn that 8-year-old Brooke Ward (niece of WBro Michael Carter) had lost her battle with leukemia.

The Annual Valentines Banquet was held on Feb 17. Mr. Charles Dunn, Deputy Dir. of the SBI, gave a very informative talk on the efforts of Law Enforcement to control the Drug problems in our state.

On Feb 15, WBro James S. Johnson Jr. PM and first Master of our Lodge was called "to that Temple, not made with hands." WBro Jimmy had devoted many years to Masonry and James B. Green Lodge. His health did not allow many visits to the Lodge in recent years, but we often heard from him. Many good things can be said of WBro Jimmy, but the best you can say of any man is that he was our Brother. We will miss him. WBro David A. Jensen Jr. PM was appointed to complete to remainder of WBro Jimmy's term as a Trustee of the Lodge.

We were also sad to learn that Bro James H. Bailey passed away on Feb 22. We also were sorry to learn of the passing of Bro Willis C. Lloyd, a member of Hiram 40, the older brother of L.D. and C.A. Lloyd.

WBro Mark Thompson had the misfortune of requiring back surgery at the end of February. Bro Allan Bonner did an excellent job of filling the East while the Master was recuperating.

Bro Herbert Robertson was down with two separate back operations, in one week, about this time. Bro Russell Liachoff also required back surgery in March. The WM certainly started a bad trend with that one!

Bro William E. Rathman Jr. was elected to Dual membership in our Lodge on Mar 27.

Bros Connie M. Altman and Donald W. Moore II were both Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the Stated meeting on Apr 24. That same evening we elected Bro Harry E. Valentine to a Dual membership in our Lodge.

Bro William Peters was instrumental in getting Builders Products to donate new counter tops for the kitchen. These were installed at the Work Day on Apr 28. They certainly brightened up the kitchen.

It rained at the Oxford Cookout on Apr 29 that year. The burgers and hot dogs were cooked under a tarpaulin and the cooks were "water cooled." The children did not mind and had a great time indoors.

We were sad to learn that WBro R. Gage Smith PM, an Honorary Member of our Lodge, had been called to work by the Supreme Architect in April 1990. WBro Gage had been a regular attendee and supporter of our Lodge for many years.

We had two ice cream socials that Summer. The ice cream was great. All who attended were treated to a delicious selection of flavors.

The Annual Oxford Pool party was held on July 29. Over 125 members and quests had a great time. The weather was cooperative that evening.

The Supreme Architect called Bro A. Raymond Cole from our midst on Sep 13. Bro Ray had fought a hard battle with cancer for over two years. We were sad for the loss of our Brother.

We were pleased to hear that WBro Michael W. Brantley had successfully earned his "A" Certificate as a Certified Lecturer in September.

The Lodge elected Bro Jack E. Murphy to membership by affiliation at the Stated meeting on Oct 9. At the time, we also had two EA working to complete their Degrees. Bro Donald S. Alderman and Angelo T. "Chic" Rosselli should complete that work by the end of November.

The Secretary learned that Bro James E. Bailey passed away 22 February 1990. The Secretary contacted Mrs. Bailey, expressed our sympathy, and apologized for not being aware of his death.

On Oct 11, 1990, we completed 25 years as an Instituted Lodge. On Oct 13, we celebrated that event with a banquet and program on the 25-year history of this Lodge. The banquet was well attended with about 60 people. 13 of our Past Masters were present. Each was given some time to speak to the main events of his year in the East. We heard some interesting stories that evening. Bro Robert Truelove was presented a plaque to show the appreciation of the Lodge for his many years of service as our Chief Cook.

Motion passed that we sign up for the new insurance plan, which is under the Grand Lodge of NC. This plan gives us better coverage for the Lodge at a cheaper price.

On Oct 23rd, we were visited by the DDGL and the DDGM of the 25th Masonic District of North Carolina.

WBro Luigi Ammons, DDGL-25, was officially received and introduced by WBro Jack L. Walters. WBro Ammons was escorted to the East, where he was received by the Master and private Grand honors were rendered.

WBro David G. Cronk, DDGM-25, was officially received into the lodge, and was introduced by WBro Jack L. Walters. WBro Cronk was escorted to the East, where he was received by the Master and Private Grand Honors were rendered.

On Oct 30th we held an Emergent Communication and proceeded to pass Brothers Donald Sanford Alderman and Angelo Thomas Rosselli to the Degree of Fellow Craft in due form.

At our meeting on Nov 13th, we were informed that Bro Thomas Hess would soon deploy to Saudi Arabia with his Naval Reserve Unit. We wished him God Speed and safe return.

At our next meeting on Nov 27th, we proceed to Raise Bros Don S. Alderman and Angelo T. "Chic" Rosselli to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

In December, we held our election of officers for 1991 year. They were installed at an Emergent Communication on Dec 29th. WBro Mark A. Thompson presented the Charter of the Lodge to WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. and charged that he preserve it with unfailing care and deliver it to his successor in office.

We completed the year with a total membership of 189 Brothers. We had Raised 4 new Brothers, admitted 4 for membership. We Restored 1 Brother. We had 3 Brothers to pass away, including our First Worshipful Master Jimmy Johnson Jr. We lost 1 Brother to Demit. 2 Brothers were excluded for Non Payment of Dues

The Year of 1991

Master Allan B. Bonner Jr., SW Lecil R. Reece, JW John D. Caffey, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters, and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 18th year). WBro David A. Jensen Jr. was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 1993. The Master appointed the following officers to serve: SD Jerry C. Letterman, JD WBro John E. Brownsword and Stanley O. Barefoot William K. Peters as Stewards, Bro Donald W. Moore II as Chaplain, and Gene A. Smith as the Tyler.

January 22nd the Lodge agreed to undertake an interior renovation of the Lodge Room along with several other improvement projects. We were still using the original carpet and it was much worn from years of service. WBro Jack Walters arranged for the installation of a new refrigerator in the kitchen.

February 7th we conducted funeral honors for our Bro Rayford B. Champion. Thanks to WBro Don Bennett for his assistance in conducting the service.

At the February 12th meeting, Bro James Iraggi announced that Bro Tommy Gattis (a member of the NC National Guard) was being mobilized back to Active Duty for 12 months.

The Lodge approved the money to purchase the new carpet at a price of \$4,500 for 310 square yards. An additional project was added to raise by one-step the 2nd set of seats in the South and the Junior Warden's chair. The platform in the East was to be expanded as well. All this work needed to be completed prior to installing the new carpet. Another motion was passed to install indirect lighting on the North and South sides of the Lodge. Lastly, a motion passed to paint completely the Lodge Room and the rest of the upstairs as part of the renovation. We had a lot of work to do, but everyone was enthusiastic about getting the Lodge renovation underway as soon as possible.

In March, we were able to get a very good price on all the paint and other needed supplies thanks to the Master of J.J. Crowder who was a District Manager for Glidden Paints.

Work started in early March on the planned projects, which were accomplished with many late nights and a weekend or two with the assistance of many of the brethren. The work was led by the Worshipful Master and a lot of support from WBro Jack Walters, especially with the electrical / lighting projects. This turned out to be a rather ambitious undertaking, but many brothers pulled together to get the task accomplished.

In April, a Request for a Demit was received from Bro Raymond Boseman so that he could affiliate with Grand Strand Lodge #1392, North Myrtle Beach, SC. Request granted. We also learned that our JW John D.

Caffey would be moving from Raleigh with his job. The WM informed the Lodge that he was going to move up all the officers' one station to fill the vacancy.

In April, the Lodge conducted a very successful cookout for the Oxford Orphanage with lots of hot dogs and hamburgers. The members also supplied a very good assortment of cupcakes for the children, who as always were very appreciative. The Rambling Car Club also attended with a good number of old cars and provided numerous rides for the children in the vintage vehicles, some of which are actually very high performance Hot Rods.

On April 28th, we provided a Degree Team, in full costume, to conduct a 3rd Degree for Granville Lodge #380. The ceremony was well rehearsed and conducted by the team.

At the May 14th meeting, a Dispensation was read from the Grand Master granting us permission to have an election to fill the Jr. Wardens position. Accordingly, Bro Gerald C. Letterman was elected as the JW to serve for the remainder of the year.

On May 28th, WBro Michael- Brantley introduced our speaker for the evenings Masonic Education, WBro Luigi Ammons who talked about "The Cable Tow." WBro Luigi gave a very informative lesson with many definitions as given by many Masonic Writers and other examples from religious definitions.

The WM then proceed to conduct an official installation of the newly elected and appointed officers as follows: JW Gerald C. Letterman, SD WBro John E. Brownsword, JD Stanley O. Barefoot and Gene A. Smith as Steward. Bro Donald W. Moore, II was appointed Tyler. Bro Kenneth A. Kirby Jr. was appointed Chaplain.

Bro Gerald C. Letterman informed us that the new Rainbow Chapter installation at Oxford went over very well.

At the June 11th meeting the Secretary read a notice from the Grand Secretary that Bro, Bluford Randolph Glidewell II had affiliated with Cary Lodge No. 198 as of 3 June 1991.

WM announced that Bro Roger Morgan's brother had recently passed away.

The WM explained the city's plan for the widening of Lynn Road. It will be 5 lanes wide with curb and gutters on each side and an 8 foot paved pathway (sidewalk) on our side of the street. The City wants to acquire 26 foot depth across the front of our lot totaling 3972 sq. feet. They have offered to pay us \$6,000 for the land and \$22,000 for damage to our property. We will discuss this at our next stated meeting and ballot on the proposal.

The WM had Bro Robert Truelove presented west of the Altar. The WM read a resolution praising Bro, Truelove for his many years of dedicated service to the lodge. The WM presented Bro Robert with a new rechargeable power drill. Bro Robert thanked the members for the gift and elaborated on how much the fraternity meant to him. Several members expressed their thanks and told of past stories and adventures about Bro Robert. The following Resolution will be attached to the minutes of the Lodge.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for over 20 years Brother Robert Truelove has prepared and served superb meals for the Brethren and guests of James B. Green Lodge and;

WHEREAS, he has, by careful management, furnished the Lodge's kitchen with utensils and maintained its cleaning supplies from the profits of these meals and;

WHEREAS, he has conscientiously and diligently attended Lodge Meetings and participated in degree work;

THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED: that the Brethren of James B. Green Lodge 735, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina do, BY THESE PRESENTS, express their sincere appreciation and affection for ROBERT TRUELOVE, a true and faithful brother among us.

Dated this 11 day of June Anno Domini 1991, Anno Lux, 5991.

On June 25th, WBro Jack Walters reported on the Grand Master's District meeting. WBro Jack Walters also told us how the Grand Master selected his appointments to the Grand Line.

During our meeting on July 7th, WM asked Bro Ray Dedrick to make our flag presentation. The flag was obtained from WBro Jesse Helms our Sr. Senator and it was flown over the Capitol on 25 April 1991. WBro Mark Thompson asked that we get our old flag restored and placed in the showcase in the lobby.

A letter was read from the City of Raleigh offering us \$28,000.00 for the property needed to widen Lynn Road. WBro George Stockstill made a motion, which was passed that we accept the City's proposal.

On July 23rd, it was reported that Bro Robert Truelove was doing well and recovering from a recent surgery. That evening we proceeded to Raise Brothers Howard Francis Cannon Jr. and Larry William Holland to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bro Holland was Raised by Bro James Serrett, his father-in-law.

At the meeting on August 13th, it was reported that WBro Mark Thompson's father had recently passed away. His father had suffered from a severe stroke for about 8 months and passed because of that affliction. WBro Thompson was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major (E9) in the Army Reserve sadly on the day after his father passed away. It was an emotional time, but WBro Thompson appreciated all the support of his Brothers.

On a happier note, Bro Robert Truelove reported on the recent birth of two grandsons.

In August, we also held a Pool Party for children from the Orphanage. It was well attended with members of the Lodge, DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and our visitors with over 93 in attendance. A good time was had by all.

On September 11th, Bro William Peters was happy to report the birth of a son. The Lodge was updated on the condition of our Bro Willard Griffin who had been recently hospitalized and was very ill.

At our 2nd meeting in September, the WM reported that the papers had been signed for selling a right of way to the City. The Lodge received a check for \$28,695 for our land. It was reported that Bro Ed Roberts'

daughter had been recently injured in an automobile accident and was still in serious condition. WBro David Jensen reported that Bro Paul Markle's wife had passed away the previous week. WBro Michael gave a very informative talk on King Solomon's Temple its relation to our Craft.

On October 8th it was reported that Bro Roberts' daughter was doing better and Bro Stanley Barefoot's wife was doing better, both very good to hear. Sadly, it was reported that Bro George A. Poythress had recently passed away.

At our 2nd meeting in October, we were informed of WBro Otto Neustadt's death. WBro Mark Thompson reported on the history of WBro James B. Green and how our Lodge was named in his memory. WBro Paul Etheridge, who had known WBro Green, assisted in the presentation.

WBro J. William Hudson told us that he had been notified that he was elected to receive the 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. This is a very high honor for WBro Hudson, but well deserved for his many years of service to the Craft and Scottish Rite.

On November 12th, a letter was read from the Eastern Star Chapter requesting a handicap ramp be put onto the front porch. A committee was appointed to investigate the building of the ramp and report back during the 1st Quarter of 1992. It was agreed that having a ramp would benefit all of our brethren as well as the Eastern Star. This drawn out project would ultimately be finished in 2001.

WM reported that WBro Robert Schaffer's wife Linda passed away last week. It was reported that Bro Leo Heartt was having problems with his legs again and was not doing well.

We had a very successful Past Master's night and anniversary dinner in November.

On December 6th, a Masonic Funeral Service was conducted for our Brother James Willard Griffin. Bro Griffin had been fighting cancer but he was in good spirits up to the end.

At our 1st meeting in December, it was reported the good news that the daughter of Bro Ed Roberts was finally improving and had left the hospital for recovery at her home. Our annual election of officers was conducted and Bro Lonnie D. Lloyd Jr. was elected to serve as a trustee thru 1994.

WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. reminded us of the unveiling of the Scottish Rite Monument Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM on the corner of Blount & Jones Street.

On Saturday December 14th, we held an Emergent Communication to Raise Bro Ronald Carl Hollamon to the Degree of Master Mason. We enjoyed a great breakfast between the 1st and 2nd sections of the Degree.

The 1992 officers were installed on December 17th. There was a meeting scheduled for December 24th, Christmas Eve that year, but there was no meeting due to a lack of quorum.

We completed the year with a total membership of 190 Brothers. We had Raised 3 new Brothers, and Restored 2 for membership. We had 3 Brothers to pass away and 2 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 1992

Master Lecil R. Reece, SW Gerald C. Letterman, JW WBro John Brownsword, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters, and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 19th year). Lonnie D. Lloyd Jr. was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 1994. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD Stanley O. Barefoot, JD William K. Peters and Gene A. Smith and Donald W. Moore, II as Stewards, Bro Donald S. Alderman as Chaplain, and Allan F. Howlett as the Tyler.

We started the year with a required Lecture Service for 3 hours an evening over 3 nights and 6 hours that Saturday. Otherwise, this would have been a 2-day event. We had good attendance with 10-12 brothers each session.

At our 2nd Stated in January, we were saddened to hear that WBro Allan Bonner's mother had recently died.

In February, it was reported that Bro Leo Heartt had hurt himself and that he is in a leg cast. Don Moore's son had his operation and he was recovering at home. We learned that Bro Don Alderman's wife's grandmother passed away. In addition, that WBro Jack Walters' mother is in a hospital in Charlotte. On a better note, Bro Ed Roberts reported his daughter was slowly improving after her accident. Our thoughts and prayers went out to each of our brethren.

On a completely different note, WBro Bonner reported that he attended his father's Lodges' Chitilins Dinner this past weekend. It was not your average dinner at Lodge.

At the 2nd meeting in February, we heard that Bro Leo Heartt was doing better and expected to be back in Lodge soon. WBro Jack Walters reported his mother was recuperating from a stroke, but doing better. Bro Roger Morgan's sister was very sick and he was visiting with her that evening. It was later reported that she passed away several weeks later.

Bro Ron Hunter reported that the Raleigh DeMolay Chapter would be conferring both of the DeMolay Degrees on Sunday, March 8, 1 PM, at Caswell Street. He invited all interested Master Masons to attend this ceremony. Bro Hunter also reported that the DeMolay Chapter would hold their annual installation of officers at 3 PM, Saturday March 14. Again, all members are invited and encouraged to attend this ceremony.

Bro Stanley Barefoot made a report on the current enrollment status at Oxford Orphanage. He mentioned that the Orphanage could use more students, and of course, more students mean a need for more contributions from the Lodges. He encouraged all members to visit the Orphanage at any time they can. Visitors are always welcome at the Orphanage.

On March 10th WBro David Cronk, DDGL 25th Masonic District was received into the lodge with Grand Honors. WBro Cronk brought greetings from The Grand Master. He reminded us of the upcoming Grand Lodge Annual Communication on 21, April 1992. Also, that J. J. Crowder Lodge would begin work again on their new lodge building.

The WM reported on the School of Instruction, which was held on 7 March. There was a good attendance and the school was very successful. He thanked our brethren who helped prepare the breakfast and all those that attended.

The WM recognized WBro Michael Brantley who gave us a very interesting presentation on the "Known Beginning of the Grand Lodge of England" in 1717.

In April WBro Luigi Ammons asked that WBro Michael W. Brantley be presented west of the Altar where he presented him the DDGL's apron, jewel, and other items of interest. WBro Brantley will be our DDGL next year. The WM thanked WBro Luigi for all the help and support he had provided to our Lodge over the past 3 years.

At the next meeting, the WM introduced WBro Robert, A. Sehafer who is our new DDGM for the 25th District. He presented the Sr. Warden and Junior Warden with booklets from the GM. He informed us that we would be host 19 June 1992 to the Grand Masters visit to the 25th District. He informed us that the new GM would visit all districts this year

The WM thanked all the brethren who assisted in the recent cookout at the Oxford Orphanage. There was plenty of good food and many cupcakes for everyone who attended.

On May 11th, we held a Funeral Service for our Junior Warden WBro John E. Brownsword. WBro Don Bennett presided over the Memorial Service. WM thanked all who assisted in the ceremony.

At the next Stated, the members of the DeMolay presented their 2nd Degree ceremony for the Lodge. It was very informative and well presented.

On June 9th, the Grand Master gave us Special Dispensation to hold an election to replace our Junior Warden. Bro Stanley O. Barefoot was duly elected. The WM made the following appointments: SD Gene A. Smith, Bros Donald W. Moore and Donald S. Alderman as Stewards. WBro David A. Jensen Jr. was appointed Chaplain.

WBro Michael Brantley made a motion that passed to purchase new officer apron and collars. Our original set was starting to show the effects of many years.

At the 2nd meeting in June WBro Michael W. Brantley DDGL and WBro Robert A. Schafer DDGM were received into the lodge and given private Masonic Grand Honors.

Next, the MW Grand Master Ray Norris was received into the lodge and given private Masonic Grand Honors. The gavel was presented to the GM who then presided. The MWGM thanked our lodge for hosting the District Meeting and for the excellent meal prior to the meeting.

The WGM recognized the following:

- WBro Percy A. Ford, DDGM 22nd District
- WBro Joseph C. Saunders Sr., DDGL 23rd District
- WBro J. William Hudson DDGL 24th District
- WBro J. Luigi Ammons, DDGL 26th District
- WBro Douglas M. Hinton, DDGM 23rd District
- MWGM Norburn C. Hyatt, PGM
- MWGM Robert N. Bass Jr., PGM
- WBro Gerry T. Smith, JGW
- RWBro William B. Brunk, SGW
- RWBro Robert P. "Pete" Dudley, Grand Secretary

The MWGM spoke on our responsibilities to each other and to our charities, the importance of the educational meetings especially educating the new candidates and their families. The membership was challenged to provide more assistance to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and Oxford Orphanage. The MWGM goals for 1992- 1993 were to raise \$11,500 for the Home and \$11,500 for the Orphanage within the 25th District. He also spoke on our responsibilities to future generations of masons.

WBro Robert Schafer, DDGM gave a report on the activities on going in the 25th District. WBro Michael Brantley, DDGL gave his report on work being performed in our District.

RWBro Pete Dudley was recognized and reported on a recent visit to the Grand Lodge of England and his experiences of the trip.

In July 28th, meeting the WM asked Bro Geoff Southworth to give the details on the Orphanage Swim party to be held at Seven Oaks Swim Club at Stonehenge, which was to be Sunday night, 2 August 1992. Bro Geoff informed us everything was all set to go. It was later reported that the outing was a great success and attended by over 80 friends and guests.

Bro Jerry Letterman reported that his mother-in-law was being installed as the Supreme Inspector for N.C. Order of Rainbow Girls.

In September, an Application for Affiliation of Bro Carlton M. Schenkewitz was approved by the Lodge. We were informed that WBro Bill Hudson was having health problems.

We were visited by WBro Michael Brantley our DDGL and WBro Robert Schaefer our DDGM. Both were afforded High Honors from the Lodge.

The WM turned the gavel over to WBro Schaefer, DDGL 25th District. WBro Schaefer gave us the program of the Grand Master for 1992 and 1993. Masonic education is one of the prime goals of his programs. WBro Schaefer asked WBro Michael Brantley to present the education program. Excellence in Leadership is another of the GM's programs for the year. Including our families in Lodge functions and increasing our giving to the Orphanage and Home were other recommendations.

The WM informed us that WBro David A. Jensen Jr. was going on Active Duty for several months. His Air National Guard communication unit was to deploy to Egypt for a 6-month mission in that region.

On September 22nd, we were informed that WBro Bill Hudson's wife Billie had passed away suddenly on the previous Sunday morning.

WBro Michael Brantley presented our educational program for the evening. WBro Michael spoke on our Masonic Ritual. It was a very informative talk.

At our 1st Stated Communication in October we learned the WBro Bill Hudson had been very sick and in the hospital with bleeding ulcers. He was back home at this time convalescing. Members of the Lodge were encouraged to contact him with support during this trying time. It was also reported that Bro Leo Heartt's condition was still not improving.

In November, we received Demit requests from Bro Lawrence R. Davis and Bro Henry B. Bowes. Their records being clear, the WM ordered that the Demits be granted.

At our 2nd meeting in November, it was reported that the Annual Past Masters banquet was well attended. That evening we proceeded to Raise Bro George B. Starnes. We were especially pleased to see WBro Bill Hudson back in the Lodge. He served in the East for the Degree.

On the evening of December 8th, WBro David A. Jensen Jr. had safely returned from his Military Deployment. The WM recognized him and asked to present our educational program for the evening. WBro David spoke on lodge protocol. He made several good points for the members to remember.

Bro Jimmy Iraggi was back in Lodge and thanked the Brothers for their support during his recent illness.

WBro Mark Thompson reported that he was going into the hospital for neck surgery. He was in a lot of pain and needing some relief.

Officers for 1993 were duly elected. Their Installation was performed on December 17th.

On December 22nd, Application for Admission to Oxford Orphanage of Steven Eric Brinoff of Raleigh was received and investigated by WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. and recommended that we sponsor this young man. Motion made seconded and passed that we sponsor him.

It was reported that WBro Mark Thompson was back home and convalescing from his neck surgery.

We completed the year with a total membership of 179 Brothers. We had Raised 1 new Brother, had 1 to Affiliate and Restored 1 for membership. We had 1 Brother to pass away. We Excluded 7 Brothers for non-payment of dues and had 7 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 1993

Master Gerald C. Letterman, SW Stanley O. Barefoot, JW Gene A. Smith, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters, and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 20th year). WBro George M. Stockstill was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 1995. The Master appointed the following officers to serve: SD William K. Peters, JD Donald W. Moore, II, Donald S. Alderman, and Allan F. Howlett Jr. as Stewards, WBro David A. Jensen Jr. as Chaplain, and Ronald C. Hollamon as the Tyler.

In January, we received notice from Grand Secretary that Bro Clifton N. Bagley had affiliated with Granite Lodge #191, Clayton, NC as of 2 January 1993.

During our meeting of February 9th, we learned that Bro Chic Spivey's brother had passed away. The WM announced he had a motto for 1993, "Bring a Brother" to our meetings.

At the 2nd Stated the Secretary reported that our Checking and Saving Accounts had be successfully transferred to First Union National Bank to save on banking fees. The WM reported that the Ladies Banquet at Balentines was very successful and well attended.

During the 1st Stated in March the WM announced that Bro Ron Hollamon and wife had a little girl born 4 March 1993, mother and baby both doing fine.

At the 2nd Stated, the Secretary reported that he had used some of the money from the City to purchase a \$15,000 Savings Bond at a very good rate of interest.

WBro Allan Bonner reported that Bro Gene Smith's mother had passed away that week. Bro James Haven reported that he had been installed as the Worthy Patron of our Eastern Star Chapter.

In April, we completed several projects to repair the tool shed, place better lighting in the parking lot and motion lighting on the steps to our first floor.

We also received a report from WBro Charlie Howell, Secretary of J. J. Crowder Lodge who reported on the progress they were making on the construction of their new lodge hall and that they hoped to be in it this Fall. He invited us to come out and help paint, etc. WBro David Jensen commented on their needs and the ways we could assist their efforts.

At our 2nd meeting in April, the WM reported on a very successful visit to the Orphanage by several members. The event was well planned and everyone had a good time.

That evening we proceed to Raise Bro Robert E. Dickson to be a Master Mason.

We had a very successful cookout at Oxford and it was well attended by the brethren.

In June, WBro Allan Bonner led the effort to move our sign out front and getting it wired for lights. The final product looks very professional and calls favorable attention to our Lodge.

We learned that Bro Leo Heartt was still having feet and leg problems. It was reported that Bro John Butler had recently moved to the Soldiers and Airman's Home in Washington, DC. It was also reported that Bro William Tulloss was still sick and needing our support.

Our Junior Steward Bro Allan Howlett reported that he had taken a new job in Jacksonville, FL and would be moving there in July. We wished him success in his new endeavor. The WM appointed Bro Ronald Hollamon as the new Junior Steward and Bro George B. Starnes as Tyler.

In July, WBro Allan Bonner made a motion that passed to spend \$1,425 to purchase an up-to-date computer for our Secretary Bro Roger Morgan. Bro Morgan had been using his own personal computer for many years in his role as Secretary. The Lodge Secretary definitely needs good computer resources to conduct the business of the Lodge in our current computer age.

WBro David Jensen commented on needs for J. J. Crowder when they move into their new building. We are planning to help them out with something nice for their new Lodge. WBro David informed us that he would be gone for National Guard Duty for approximately 2 months.

In August, it was reported that we had put on another very successful Swim Party for the children from the Orphanage with approximately 90 friends and guests attending. WBro Mark Thompson also reminded us of the Flying Museum Aircraft that are on display at the Raleigh-Durham Airport this week. There are a number of fighters and a B-17 Bomber from WW II.

At our last meeting in August, we proceeded to Raise Bros Fred Keith Bugner and Donald Aaron Cunningham to the Degree of Master Mason. The ceremony was well performed and conducted in full costume.

In September, we were again visited by DDGM WBro Robert Schafer and DDGL WBro Michael Brantley, both of whom were afforded Private Grand Honors by the brethren. WBro Schafer brought us greetings from the Grand Master and presented us with several points and the 3 areas of the Code that the GM wants emphasized.

WBro Brantley made a motion that passed for the Lodge to purchase a new set of slides for each of the degrees.

WBro David A. Jensen Jr. reminded us that we needed to think of what we want to get J.J. Crowder for their new building. WBro Mark Thompson made a motion that passed to purchase a chandelier for the new J. J. Crowder Lodge building.

Our first action in October was to conduct a Funeral Service for WBro Everett G. Stock Sr. WBro Joseph C. Saunders was the officer in charge of the Service. This work was done as a courtesy for Eggertsville Lodge #1157 in Amherst, NY.

At the October Stated Communication, the WM asked Bro, Don Alderman to report on the recent District School of Instruction at Millbrook Lodge # 97. Our lodge had 13 members present. Emergent Communications were discussed in detail because of the new procedure approved by the 1993 Grand Lodge meeting. We can now have Emergent Communications for degree work and open on that degree instead of opening a Master Mason Lodge and then opening a lodge on the particular degree.

The WM reviewed the motion, which was made at our last communication in regards to sponsoring a Chapter of the Rainbow Assembly. Much discussion followed. An amended motion was made by WBro Jack Walters, which was seconded and passed that we provide the necessary space for their Chapter meeting and

that we cosponsor this chapter with the Eastern Star Chapter. If they concur, the WM asked WBro Walters and Bro James Haven to carry this message to the Eastern Star Chapter for their consideration. Ultimately, we would not host a Rainbow Assembly until 2001.

Bro Robert Truelove expressed the thanks of his family for the sympathy and kindness expressed by our members during their time of bereavement in the passing of their grandson, Mike Truelove Jr.

At our next meeting in October we were also fortunate to have WBro Warren Pannell from Tidal Wave Lodge #273, Portsmouth, VA presented our program for the evening. He told us of his recent visit to England and about visiting a Masonic Lodge and of some of their doings.

In November, the WM extended the best wishes of the Lodge to WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. and his wife Vera along with Bro James Iraggi and his wife Ruth in the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bro Stanley Barefoot reported that he had found someone to make the 3 principle chairs for J.J. Crowder if he could get some help with the logistics. WBro Stanley is going to get an estimate of cost of the walnut wood.

At the last meeting in November, we were informed that Bro Donald W. Adams had Affiliated with Millbrook Lodge #97 as of November 16th.

Bro Stanley Barefoot reported on the status of his search walnut lumber to build a Master's chair for J.J. Crowder Lodge. WBro Allan Bonner made a motion that passed to give Bro Stanley permission to go ahead and purchase the lumber needed for the chairs.

At the 1st Stated in December, the Secretary reported that he erroneously dropped Bro Edward Smith for NPD. The records will be corrected. We still have 6 brothers that have not paid their 1993 dues.

We sent poinsettias to all our living widows in the area and wired one to a widow who lives in Texas.

We completed the year with a total membership of 171 Brothers. We had Raised 3 new Brothers, and Restored 3 for membership. We Excluded 7 Brothers for non-payment of dues and had 7 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 1994

Master Stanley O. Barefoot, SW Gene A. Smith, JW Allan B. Bonner Jr., Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters, and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (21st year). WBro David A. Jensen Jr. was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 1996. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD Donald S. Alderman, JD Donald W. Moore, II, Ronald C. Hollamon and George B. Starnes as Stewards, M. Ray Hudson as Chaplain, and Kenneth A. Kirby Jr. as the Tyler.

Our 1994 officers were installed on January 7th. At our 1st meeting on January 10th WBro Gerald C. Letterman presented each officer a lapel pin, indicating their office and asked that they pass the pin on to their successors in office.

WBro David Jensen announced that J.J. Crowder was very appreciative for the chandelier and that a formal appreciation would be forth coming.

At our 2nd Stated, the WM recognized WBro Dereck Holmes who is visiting us from England. WBro Holmes presented the Lodge a 1946 Victory stamp and a short explanation thereof.

During the 1st meeting in February, the WM reminded us of the District Meeting in Durham at Eno Lodge scheduled for Saturday morning. The topic of discussion will be Prince Hall Masonry.

Bro Charles Silber asked the Lodge to permit some of the DeMolay members to sleep over in the Lodge hall on the 18th of March. A motion was made to feed the DeMolay members breakfast the next morning. Both motions passed.

The WM informed us that Bro Joe Terry's wife had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. WBro Paul Etheridge's wife was still having problems with her feet.

WBro Bonner informed us that the Eastern Star Chapter was planning a trip to Myrtle Beach on the 4th & 5th of March and that seats were still available on the bus.

All of our local widows and 45 members attended the Valentines banquet at Balentines Restaurant on February 11th.

The WM told us that 5 members had attended the District Meeting at Eno Lodge. Bro Robert Dickson presented a short presentation on the information covered about Prince Hall Masonry.

In March, WBro Allan Bonner needed some corrective shoulder surgery. The procedure went well and WBro Allan is now recuperating.

In April, the WM presented a 55-year Certificate and Pin to Bro William Upton of Prospect Lodge #978 in NY. We did the presentation as a courtesy to the Grand Lodge of New York.

At the 2nd Stated in April, we elected Bro Edward Joseph Silber who had applied for membership with us by Affiliation. It was also reported that the Annual Cookout at the Orphanage had gone very well with plenty of hot dogs and of course, lots of cupcakes. Bro Ray Dedrick was hospitalized for a short stay to perform some needed surgery. It was later reported that he was recovering at home.

The WM reported that a group of our members attended the 1st meeting of J.J. Crowder Lodge in their new building. We presented a handsomely constructed Master's chair for their Lodge. It really looks good in the East.

During the 1st Stated in May, we elected Bro Clarence Elmer Wilson by way of Affiliation.

On May 24th, we proceed to Raise Bros James Clyde Copeland, Tony Durand Matthews, and Frank Edwin Silber. The degree team was in full costume and did an outstanding job with the ceremony. WBro Allan Bonner Jr. presided in the East. He Raised Bros Copeland and Matthews. Bro Silber was Raised by his father, Edward Silber.

On June 14th, we elected WBro Robert John Downen to membership by Affiliation.

At our 2nd Meeting in June, the WM recognized Bro Robert Dickson who reported on the project of obtaining equipment to loan to handicapped and disabled persons as identified by Lodge members. Bro Robert reported that he had talked to Mr. Harold Poole (Poole's Funeral Home in Knightdale). Mr. Poole has been loaning out equipment for years and agreed to work with us in future circumstances. A notice of the available equipment was published in our next bulletin. The WM thanked the committee for their excellent work on this project. It was also reported that we recently had a very successful Ice Cream Supper.



Master's Chair at J. J. Crowder #743, donated by James B. Green #735

In July, we received notice from the Grand Lodge that a Demit has been granted to Bro James Vance Martin to the Atlas Pythagoras Lodge #10 in NJ. Bro Don Cunningham reported that he attended a Masonic Lodge meeting while in Scotland on a recent visit and that there is quite a difference in our works. Bro Jimmy Iraggi reported on his recent visit Texas and his attending a Lodge there.

Later that month received notice that Bro Clarence E. Wilson's Demit had been granted by Deerfield Lodge #1110, Illinois effective 7 June 1994. Bro Wilson became a member of our lodge as of that date.

In August, the WM recognized Bro Geoff Southworth who reported to the recent Pool Party for students from the Masonic Home for Children. A large time was had by all. Later in August, we were pleased to learn the Bro Larry Holland was back in town and that he was improving for his injuries in an automobile accident out of state.

On September 13th, we had an official visit from WBro Robert Schaffer DDGM and WBro Michael Brantley the DDGL for the 25th Masonic District. We were informed of the Grand Master's order that each new

Candidate be informed of the contents and ideals contained in the Lodge System of Masonic Education. Informative and instructional booklets are available from the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master wanted lodges to have programs that included open house events and better participation in community activities whenever possible to raise the awareness of the community to our Fraternity. Additionally the GM wanted lodges to schedule some form of Masonic Education at each stated communication.

The WM recognized Bro Don Cunningham who made a special presentation to the Lodge of several souvenirs he had obtain on his recent visit to Scotland and a lodge there..

At the 2nd Stated in September, WBro Jack Walters reported on the recent District School of Instruction. He was happy to report that WBros Michael Carter and Michael Brantley were recently recertified as Certified Lecturers. A motion was passed that the Lodge purchase and provide to each of the Line Officers copies of the Code, Ceremony Book, and Lodge System of Education books. This should help each of our officers to perform better in their duties and ceremonies in Lodge.

In October, we learned that Bro Keith Bugner had accepted a job in Columbia, SC and would relocate there soon. WBro Jack Walters had recently installed new Emergency Exit lights in the Lodge to conform to local regulations. A motion passed that we install a new additional light on a timer to illuminate better our parking area. It is always better to shine a light into the darkness, but more especially to protect our brethren. It was also discussed to install a better system of reflector to designate our driveway from Lynn Road. This would benefit brethren and visitors to our Lodge. We were informed that WBro Thurston E. Rowe passed away recently, and that we had requested a Masonic Service be performed by St John's Lodge #1.

In December, the Grand Lodge informed us that Bro Herbert Walton Wheless had affiliated with Greenville Lodge #284, in Greenville, NC as of 7 November 1994. The WM extended his Thanks to Bro Mel Davis and his staff for printing our bulletins in 1994. On December 30th, we installed our officers for 1995.

We completed the year with a total membership of 174 Brothers. We had Raised 3 new Brothers, had 5 to Affiliate and Restored 2 for membership. We had 1 Brother to pass away. We Excluded 4 Brothers for non-payment of dues and had 2 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 1995

Master Gene A. Smith, SW Allan B. Bonner Jr., JW Donald S. Alderman, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters, and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (22nd year). Bro L. D. Lloyd was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 1997. The Master appointed the following officers to serve: SD Ronald C. Hollamon, JD George B. Starnes, Ray M. Hudson and Don A Cunningham as Stewards, Robert E. Dickson as Chaplain, and Bro Clarence E. "Skip" Wilson as the Tyler.

Our first action on January 10th was to grant a Demit request for Bro Roy Palmer. We also approved the purchase of a new briefcase for the WM, Secretary, and Treasurer. We also approved the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner for the Lodge. Now if we can get enough brothers trained to use it occasionally that would be a good thing.

On February 3rd, we performed a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro William Daniel Stancil. WBro Joseph C. Saunders presided at the ceremony.

At our 1st Stated Communication on February 14th we Raised Bro Mark A. Trawick to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in due form. Bro Donald Alderman presided in the East and Raised Bro Trawick.

In March, we were informed that the Grand Lodge would hold an Emergent Communication at the new J.J. Crowder Lodge. We also learned that Bro Don Moore's father-in-law had recently passed away. Later that month we learned that Bro Don Cunningham, our Junior Steward, had accepted a job and would be moving to Illinois.

In April, the Lodge approved a purchase of 8 MB of RAM for the Secretary's computer. It seems the programs keep getting bigger and demanding more RAM.

Later in April, we were informed by the Grand Secretary that Bro Milton D. Roundtree had affiliated with Rolesville Lodge #683 in Rolesville, NC effective April 6th. We also learned that Bro J. C. Copeland had recently been hospitalized, but was now at home recuperating.

At the May 9th meeting, we learned that Bro Thomas Michael Preston had just passed away and the family had requested that we perform a Masonic Funeral Service. There was a report of the recent cookout at the Orphanage that was very successful. A motion passed that the Lodge present a nice gift certificate to WBro Luigi Ammons for all the work he performed recently in our lecture series. WBro Robert J. Downen was appointed as the Junior Steward for the remainder of the year.

On June 13th, we honored WBro Luigi Ammons in open lodge, presented the gift certificate, and expressed our thanks for all his efforts to assist our Lodge. Plans were discussed for our 30th Anniversary Banquet that was planned in October.

Later in June, it was reported that Bro Joe Terry's wife who was in failing health had been admitted to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro.

In July, we were pleased to hear of plans to award a 50 Year Pin and Certificate to WBro Allan B. Bonner, the father of WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr., at Perquimans Lodge #106 in Hertford, NC. It was later reported that WBro Allan Bonner Jr. also received an Honorary Membership to his father's Lodge that evening. The Secretary reported that we had requested the NC Department of Transportation to improve the width and slope of our driveway because of the Lynn Road expansion work. It was rather steep and made entry and exit dangerous.

On July 28th we conducted a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro H. Scott Hilton Sr. of Pitman Lodge #197 in Pitman, NJ. WBro Joseph Saunders presided.

On August 6th, we conducted a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro Carlton Meno Schenkewitz. WBro Joseph Saunders again presided.

At the meeting on August 22nd, the WM reported that Bro Bob Hartley was in the hospital. It was also reported that Bro Jack Murphy had been hospitalized, but was recovering at home at this time. WBro Robert Downen reminded the Lodge of a planned trip to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA where his Lodge from NJ was coming down to perform the Second Section of the 3rd Degree in October 14th. He was trying to coordinate a group to join him on the trip.

On September 12th, the WM reported on the Grand Master's visit to Millbrook #97 the past week. We got a report of improving health from Bro Jack Murphy who thanked to brethren for all their calls and support. WBro Mike Carter reported that Bro Joe Terry's wife was in bad health and not improving. It was also reported that WBro Norman Dickens (our 17th Master) was in failing health due to a heart condition.

WBro Jack Walters reported that the Star Chapter had purchased 8 new 8-foot tables for the Lodge dining room. A motion passed that we pay for half the cost.

At our 1st Stated in October, we learned that Bro Jack Murphy was doing better. That evening we received an official visit from WBro Michael W. Brantley, DDGM of the 25th Masonic District and WBro Joseph C. Saunders, DDGL for our District. WBro Brantley spoke on recent revisions to the Official Spoken Word and how this would affect and degree work. WBro Saunders praised the Lodge for our fine work at the recent District School of Instruction.

On October 11th, we celebrated our 30th year as a Lodge. A fine banquet was held and well attended.

Later in October, WBro David Jensen and Allan Bonner gave a report of the recent misfortunes of Bro William Tulloss and family. The WM reported that Bro Ray Dedrick was at home and recovering from his recent surgery.

On November 14th, the Lodge voted to extend WBro Joseph Saunders an Honorary Membership in our Lodge. A request to Demit was granted to Bro William Rathman Jr. WBro Gene Smith reported that he had attended a meeting last evening where his father was presented with his 50 Year Pin and Certificate.

At our 2nd Stated Bro Don Alderman reported on his recent trip to NJ and of his experiences in visiting there. WBro Allan Bonner spoke of the MESH and the new Care Center. Specifically he discussed the funding requirements for the new Care Center and what the Craft could do to support this expanded program.

In December, we voted to present our widows with poinsettias. The Stewards requested that their \$200 stipend be donated to the MESH.

Later that month we learned that WBro Allan Bonner's younger brother had recently undergone surgery for colon cancer. It was also reported that Bro Ray Dedrick had recently had heart surgery and was recovering at home. The Grand Lodge informed us that Bro Russell Liachoff had affiliated with Mint Hill Lodge #742 in Charlotte effective December 7th. We installed our new officers for 1996 on December 30th.

We completed the year with a total membership of 169 Brothers. We had Raised 1 new Brother, had 1 to Affiliate and Restored 1 for membership. We had 3 Brothers to pass away. We Excluded 1 Brother for non-payment of dues and 4 Brothers Demitted.

The Year of 1996

Master Donald S. Alderman, SW Ronald C. Hollamon, JW George B. Starnes, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters, and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 23rd year). WBro George M. Stockstill was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 1998. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD M. Ray Hudson, JD F. Keith Bugner, James C. Copeland and James R. Haven as Stewards, Robert E. Dickson as Chaplain, and Clarence E. "Skip" Wilson as the Tyler.

On January 9th, we were informed that Bro Ken Kirby was doing great after a recent surgery. We learned that Bro Ray Dedrick was back in the hospital after his bypass surgery several weeks ago. WBro Allan Bonner's brother was doing better after his hospitalization. Later that month we were informed that Bro Dedrick was doing better. We learned that Bro Ken Kirby was back at work and Bro Jack Murphey was doing better.

On February 13th, WBro Joseph Saunders was presented with an Honorary Membership in our Lodge. MWBro William Brunt, PGM was present and praised WBro Saunders for his many years of service to the Craft, including his role as DDGL.

At our 2nd Stated, it was reported that Bro Jack Murphey was back in the hospital. WBro George Stockstill read a letter from Dean Fox, City of Raleigh, concerning the street improvement in front of our lodge. He advised us The State took over the project and we would only be assessed for about \$600 to cover the cost of the sidewalk/walkway. He addressed our complaint concerning the driveway. Mr. Fox stated that, he would have 4 loads of gravel delivered to the driveway site and that would end their obligation. Motion made, seconded, and passed authorizing WBro George Stockstill to obtain someone to grade it to our wants, not to exceed \$1500 for the work.

In March, we learned that Bro Dedrick was doing better, but that Bro Jack Murphey was not doing so well. Bro Roger Morgan informed the Lodge that he needed some surgery in the next few weeks.

At the 2nd Stated, it was announced that WBro David Jensen's mother had recently passed away. We learned that WBro Allan Bonner's father was in the hospital with heart problems. That evening WBro Joseph Saunders DDGL provided a lecture on the Masonic Funeral Service.

At our meeting on April 9th, we learned that Bro Murphey was now in a Nursing Home. WBro Bonner reported that his father was still in intensive care with his heart condition. The Lodge accepted an invitation from Perquimans Lodge in Hertford to perform a 3rd Degree for them in full costume. WBro Jack Walters will head up the activity.

At our 2nd Stated, we were informed that Bro Jack Murphey had passed away 2 weeks prior. We were also informed that WBro Bonner's father was not doing well at that time.

During the meeting on May 14th, we were informed that Bro Edward L. Smith had affiliated with Wake Forest Lodge #282. We heard that WBro Letterman's wife Kay had been in an automobile accident and was currently in Wake Memorial Hospital. We learned Bro Richard Coley was very sick. Bro Herb Robertson had recently undergone a gall bladder surgery. Bro Tom Green had recently been in the hospital with heart problems. On a happier note, WBro George Starnes reported on a very successful cookout at the Oxford Orphanage.

Later that month we were informed that WBro Allan Bonner (Dr.) was still not doing well. It was reported that Bro J.C. Copeland, Kaye Letterman, and Bro Joe Terry's wife Loretta were all doing poorly. We hoped for better news in the future for all these Brothers and wives.

In June, we finally got a report that WBro Allan Bonner's father was doing better. It was reported that Bro Jimmy Iraggi had been hospitalized, but was doing better. However, Bro Copeland was in serious condition and hospitalized at that time. Later that same meeting we were informed that Bro Copeland had

passed away. At the request of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Bro Harry Ebberly Washington Lodge #156, Quarryville, PA was presented his 50 Year Pin and Certificate.

On June 14th, we performed a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro James Clyde Copeland. WBro Joseph Transon from Hiram Lodge #40 presided over the ceremony.

At our meeting on June 25th, the WM informed us that Bro Harry E. Valentine had recently passed away. WBro Jack Walter reported that WBro Norman Dickens' condition was not improving and that we should call and visit him to help bolster his spirits. It was announced that WBro Jack L. Walters has been elected Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star.

On July 9th, WBro Bonner reported that his father was finally showing some improvement and that Bro Ray Dedrick was recovering from his recent surgery. Bro C. A. Lloyd reported that Bro Richard Coley was not doing well and needed our support. A group of Brothers had visited WBro Norman Dickens in Tarboro to help his spirits.

Later that month we approved a request to Demit from Bro Dennis Hughes. It was also reported that WBro Michael Brantley's father had recently passed away. We received a report that the Oxford Swim Party had been very successful and well attended. We had already had several successful Ice Cream Socials at the Lodge over the past 2 months.

On September 10th, we thanked WBro Allan Bonner for taking care of several trees blown down by Hurricane Fran in our yard. The Secretary read a letter from James B. Green Chapter of OES asking that we allow Rainbow meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights each month. The motion passed without objection. Formation of our own assembly would not happen until 2001.

WBro Michael Brantley, DDGM 25th Masonic District informed us that the GM was planning a meeting for September 24th at the Caswell Street Masonic Temple and that the GM wanted all the primary officers be in attendance. Bro George Starnes reported that Bro James Speed had recently been in the hospital.

On September 23rd, we held an Emergent Communication and proceeded to Raise Bros Kelvin T. Michaels, Walter C. Phelps, and Clyde S. O'Quinn to the Master Mason's Degree.

In October, we learned that Bro Robert Truelove was in the hospital. The WM reported on the recent District Meeting called by the Grand Master and issues that were discussed.

On October 22nd, we performed a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro John Waverly Beal as a courtesy for the Royal White Hart Lodge #2, Halifax, NC. Bro Beal had formally been a member of James B. Green.

At the 1st Stated in November, we were informed that WBro Walton Clapp had been installed as the Grand Secretary for North Carolina. All the veterans were asked to stand and relate some details of their military service in honor of Veteran's Day the previous day. We learned more than a few interesting facts from the veterans in our meeting.

In December, we learned that Bro Joe Terry's wife Loretta had just about lost all movement due the ALS. We were informed that Bro William Tulloss had undergone a hip replacement, but was doing fair under the circumstances. WBro Jack Walters informed us that he would not be able to fill the role of Treasurer in 1997. He had been elected the Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star of North Carolina for that year.

We completed the year with a total membership of 161 Brothers. We had Raised 3 new Brother and Restored 1 for membership. We had 3 Brothers to pass away. We Excluded 6 Brothers for non-payment of dues and had 3 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 1997

Master Ronald C. Hollamon, SW George B. Starnes, JW M. Ray Hudson, Treasurer WBro J. Michael Carter, and Secretary C. Roger Morgan (his 24th year). Bro WBro David Jensen was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 1999. The Master appointed the following officers to serve: SD F. Keith Bugner, JD James G. Lassiter, Clyde S. O'Quinn and Walter C. Phelps, as Stewards, Robert E. Dickson as Chaplain, and Stanley C. Barefoot as the Tyler.

At our 1st Stated WBro David Jensen reported on a recent visit with WBro Norman Dickens. His condition was not improving.

On January 24th, we performed a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro Sol Richman, as a courtesy for Washington Lodge #85, Albany, NY. The ceremony was presided by WBro Earle R. Purser.

On February 10th, WBro Allan Bonner presented a plan to improve our driveway and parking lot. He had come up with a plan for improvement, which would involve many truckloads of new gravel. He offered to get the work done and advised that the total price would be about \$ 3,500. This would include the cost of renting a Bobcat machine to spread the gravel. After much discussion, WBro Bonner made a motion to go ahead with this project with a total cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. Motion passed. WBro Bonner will make all necessary arrangements and he will be here while the work is in process.

WBro Bonner announced that Perquimans Lodge in Hertford, NC would have their annual Chitterlings Feast on February 22nd. All interested brother were invited to coordinate with WBro Bonner for transportation and additional information.

On March 11th, we did a courtesy Degree for J.J. Crowder to Raise Bro James John Wilhelm and Bro Carl Damich to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

At the 2nd Stated WBro Allan Bonner reported that the Eastern Star Chapter was going to sponsor a Rainbow Chapter. They needed 18 girls to startup the Chapter and would meet on Monday nights. We were encouraged to help identify potential members. Formation of our own assembly would not happen until 2001.

On April 8th, we learned that Bro Geoff Southwick was moving to New York with his job. The Lodge thanked him for his many years of organizing the Oxford Pool Party. WBro Allan Bonner volunteered to head up the committee. WBro Jack Walters informed us that there would be a Ground Breaking on the 10th for the new Care Center at MESH.

Later in April WBro Starnes reported on a very successful cookout at Orphanage. Our longtime Secretary C. Roger Morgan reported that he was going in for a knee replacement. Unfortunately, he will probably also have to get the other replaced this year.

On June 10th, we had a formal visit from MWGM Jerry Smith. He was received into the Lodge and given Grand Honors. He spoke about his plans for the coming year. The MWGM then closed the Lodge in ample form.

In July, we learned that WBro James W. Speed, III (our 11th Master) was in the hospital in serious condition. It was reported that Bro Charles Dent was dealing with a serious disease. We were encouraged to give these brothers a call or visit in person. We approved a donation to the campus newspaper at Oxford Orphanage.

On July 17, we conducted a Masonic Funeral Service for WBro James W. Speed who had passed away due to illness. WBro Joseph Saunders presided over the ceremony.

By the end of July, we had several successful Ice Cream Suppers. It was also reported that Bro Sandy O'Quinn and Bro Roger Morgan were both doing better. WBro Michael Carter our Treasured informed us that his job was requiring him to spend more time on the road. He indicated this would cause him to miss some future meetings.

At our 1st Stated in August, we had a report that Bro Charles Dent was in failing health. WBro Bonner reported that the Oxford Pool Party was a great success. Bro Roger Morgan was back in Lodge with his new knee. He reported his wife Sarah was recovering from a similar operation. Medical technology has really improved. We also approved the purchase of a 10 gal wet/dry vacuum for the Lodge.

In September, we approved a \$100 donation to the Eastern Star's Antique Car Show scheduled for early October.

On October 14th, the Lodge unanimously approved a Partition for Life Membership for Bro Robert Truelove in recognition for his many years of service as our Chief Cook. We also voted to donate \$500 to Bro J. Price and member of Millbrook #97 to help pay some of his recent medical expenses that were not covered by insurance. We passed the hat and raised another \$150. A golf tournament was also planned as an additional fundraiser. WBro Mike Carter reported that Bro Joe Terry's wife Loretta had recently died for the effects of ALS.

We held a very successful Lodge banquet at the end of the month that was well attended. This was our 32nd Anniversary Year.

On November 11th, we presented Bro Truelove with his Life Membership. He was very appreciative. Bro Starnes reported that both WBros Stanley O. Barefoot and John Hutchins as undergone similar surgeries and were recovering at this time. Since it was Veterans Day, the all veterans we asked to stand and relate some of their military experiences.

On November 13th, we conducted a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro Charles Clifford Pearce. WBro Joseph Saunders presided over the ceremony.

At the end of November, we approved a Request to Demit for Bro Allan F. Howlett. We also approved the purchase of poinsettias for our widows.

On December 9th, we held our election of officers for 1998. It was reported that WBro Michael Brantley had been appointed to a 33rd Degree by the Scottish Rite. We hung a painting for WBro Jack L. Walters,

currently the Worthy Patron of the NC Eastern Star, in the foyer. A motion passed to purchase the remainder of T-shirts from the recent NC OES Antique Car Show and then donate them to the Orphanage. The brothers passed the hat and sent \$142 to MESH and the Orphanage at Oxford.

At the Emergent Communication on December 20th, we had a visit from Bro Bart Starnes who was visiting for Australia. He gave a short presentation on Masonry down under. We then proceed to install WBro George Starnes and the other officers for 1998 that evening.

At the 2nd Stated in December, we learned that Bro Charles T. Harris had died on December 20th, but the family did not want a Masonic Funeral Service.

We completed the year with a total membership of 159 Brothers. We had Raised 1 new Brother, had 1 to Affiliate and Restored 1 for membership. We had 3 Brothers to pass away. We Excluded 1 Brother for non-payment of dues and had 1 Brother to Demit.

The Year of 1998

Master George B. Starnes, SW M. Ray Hudson, JW James G. Lassiter, Treasurer WBro Michael Carter, and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon. WBro Lonnie D. Lloyd was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2000. The Master appointed the following officers to serve: SD Walter C. Phelps, JD Clyde S. "Sandy" O'Quinn, James J. Wilhelm and Stanley O. Barefoot as Stewards, Roger C. Trueblood as Chaplain, and WBro Allan B. Bonner as the Tyler.

Our first action was and Emergent on January 12th to conduct a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro Thomas Erastus Green Jr. WBro Earle R. Purser presided.

It was reported later that month that WBro Michael Brantley had been ill, but was improving.

At our February 10th meeting, WBro Joseph Saunders gave an excellent lecture on the presentation of a Masonic Funeral Service. We were also informed that Bro Henry Dempster was very sick and needed out support.

Later in February, we learned that Bro Charlie Beamon's wife was very sick. We also learned that WBro Luigi Ammons' mother had passed away. We had a Lady's Night Banquet on February 28th that was well attended with great food and fellowship.

At our Stated Communication on March 10th Bro Jim Iraggi expressed his concerns about recent article in the North Carolina Mason newsletter. The article had a photo of our Grand Master in a joint Cornerstone ceremony with the Grand Master of a clandestine Grand Lodge. WBro Lecil Reese expressed concern that the Grand Lodge is forcing us toward recognition of this clandestine Grand Lodge (Prince Hall) without regard to the objections of many Masons. This would not be the last conversation about this topic. Old objections and long held prejudices die hard.

Later in March, we learned that Bro Robert Truelove was in the hospital and had a pacemaker installed. He was recovering at home.

In April, we elected Bro Roger C. Morgan for Life Membership in the Lodge in recognition of his 24 years of faithful service as our Secretary. We presented his Certificate at the 2nd Stated that month. He was very appreciative and thanked the brothers for all their support over the years. We also learned that Bro Henry W. Dempster Jr. died on April 18th, but that the family did not want a Masonic Service.

On May 12th, the WM presented a 50 Year Award to Bro Philip E. Brink of Beacon Lodge #283 as a courtesy to the Grand Lodge of New York.

Later that month we approved a Request to Demit from Bro John Dalton Caffey. We took up a donation to help pay for the new stained glass window installed in the York Rite Chapel at Masonic Home for Children in Oxford.

On June 9th, we learned that WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. was in the hospital. That evening we proceed to Raise Bros Allan B. Bonner III and E. Edwin Ward Jr. to the sublime Degree of Master Mason. WBro Allan Boner Jr. was proud to Raise his son that evening.

On June 23rd WBros Stanley Barefoot, Robert Downen, and Bro Skip Wilson gave a report on the recent District Meeting. Our new DDGL, Wayne Pittman asked to be informed our degree work and practices.

On July 14th, we learned that 39 people had attended the last Ice Cream Social and all have a great time. WBro Michael Brantley informed us that WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. was recuperating at home and would appreciate any visitors.

At the 2nd Stated in July WBro Wayne Pittman, DDGL, 25th Masonic District visited the Lodge. He read a letter from the Grand Lecturer regarding our degree work.

On August 9th, we were very sad to conduct a Masonic Funeral Service for WBro Paul Etheridge Jr. our 4th Master at James B. Green. WBro Joseph Saunders presided over the ceremony.

At our 1st Stated on August 11th the Games B. Green Chapter, Order of the eastern Star presented a very informative presentation on WBro Rob Morris, a renowned Mason and founder of the Eastern Star Order. WBro Allan Bonner Jr. presented an invitation from Perquimans Lodge to confer the second section of the Master Masons Degree, as a courtesy, on September 1st. A bus trip to Hertford was discussed and much interest was expressed in doing the work in full costume.

Later that month August 25th on WBro Jim Lassiter announced an OES trip to MESH to present a 50 Year Pin to his grandmother. Several brothers reported on a recent informal meeting regarding the recognition of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in North Carolina. There was plenty of discussion on that topic that evening.

On September 8th, we were reminded of an upcoming Official Visit from our DDGM and DDGL in October. The District School of Instruction on October 5th and 7th was discussed. The WM informed us that WBro Joe Saunders was in the Duke Medical Center for major surgery.

On September 19th, the Prince Hall Recognition Active Listening Meeting was planned for our District.

On September 22nd, we were proud to present Bro Fred A. Stone of Morningside Lodge #295 his 50 Year Pin and Certificate as a courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Georgia. WBro Roger Trueblood resigned as our Chaplain and requested a Demit since he was moving back to Massachusetts, which was granted. That

evening we proceeded to Raise Bro Robert Clinton Wilson to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. He was Raised by Bro C.E. Wilson.

At our 1st Stated in October, we voted to remit the dues 1999 dues of Bro James Ira Ragland in honor of his attaining 50 years of Masonic Membership and in recognition of his many years of service to our Lodge.

Later that month we received WBro Richard Ripley, DDGM and WBro Wayne Pittman, DDGL of the 25th Masonic District and afforded them each with due honors. WBro Ripley made remarks relative to the proposed amendment of the Code. He discussed the chief aspects of the Program for Progress and commended us on our level of donations to our charities last year.

On November 10th, the WM presented 25 Year Service Awards to Bro James Edgerton and WBro Robert Downen. Our veteran were recognized and asked to speak of some of their military experiences. We approved a motion to get poinsettias for our widows for Christmas.

On November 24th, the WM informed us that WBro Joseph C. Saunders had died on Nov 16. He was a member of Hiram Lodge #40 and Honorary Member of our Lodge. He was honored in a Masonic Funeral Service on November 20th. WBro Harvey Jackson mentions that WBro James Hutchins had volunteered to perform the Masonic lecture for members of our Lodge as needed.

At our 1st Stated in December, it was announced that Bro William White Melvin had died suddenly on November 27th. The WM Presented a 25-Year Service Award to Bro Charles Edmund Bailey. The WM presented a 50 Year Veterans Award to Bro James Ira Ragland. We were informed that one of our widows Mrs. E.B. Catlett was very ill. We then proceeded to elect our officers for 1999.

On December 22nd, we elected WBro Nicholson Eoin Earle Warman to membership by Affiliation.

We completed the year with a total membership of 157 Brothers. We had Raised 3 new Brothers, had 3 to Affiliate and Restored 1 for membership. We had 4 Brothers to pass away. We Excluded 3 Brothers for non-payment of dues and had 2 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 1999

Master C. E. "Skip" Wilson, SW James G. Lassiter, JW C. Saunders "Sandy" O'Quinn, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters, and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon. WBro George M. Stockstill was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2001. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD WBro Robert J. Downen, JD Allan Bonner III, Robert C. Wilson and E. Edwin Ward as Stewards, WBro Allan Bonner Jr. as Chaplain, and WBro George S. Starnes as the Tyler.

In January, we learned that Bro Jim Cheek was fighting a serious illness.

On February 9th, WBro David Jensen reported that we had two bids to repair our roof and put on new shingles. The estimated cost was \$4500. That evening we proceeded to Raise Bros Myron Bruce Hamilton and Michael John Spencer to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

At the 2nd Stated WBro George Stockstill reported as a follow-up on the pending roof repair. We had a bid for \$4200. A motion passed to award the contract and pay for the project with funds from our savings account.

On March 9th, it was announced that Bro Forrest Nesbit Pearce, Bro Paul Robert Markle, and our widow Emma Catlett had all passed away since our last Stated Communication. On a brighter note, the WM presented the 50 Year Veterans Award to Bro Franklyn Henry Lloyd. WBro Stanley Barefoot reported that a project we started several years ago, collecting such items as crutches, wheelchairs and hospital beds, was still benefiting people in our community today. The project was still being administered by the Poole Funeral Home in Knightdale.

On March 23rd, we were updated on the planned roof repair. The WM reported that we won the "Traveling Gavel" attendance award for the 25th District School of Instruction. It was retired when the districts were changed.



At our 1st Stated in April, the WM informed us that Bro Ed Ward had resigned from the position of Steward. The WM announced that Bro Jim Lassiter was appointed as a Trustee of the John C. Drewry Foundation. WBro Don Alderman had been appointed the DDGL of the 25th Masonic District, and WBro Jack Walters had been appointed the DDGL of the 22nd Masonic District.

On May 25th, WBro Ron Hollamon presented proposed amendments to our Lodge By-Laws, Articles 10 and 11 that would lay open for 30 days. Bro Jim Paine invited us to the 22nd District Car Show Fund Raiser scheduled for June 12. We were informed that WBro Mike Carter's wife had been discharged from the hospital and was recovering at home. WBro George Starnes announced that Bro Jim Cheek was in the hospital with his condition. That evening we Raised Bros Ernest Stephen Barany, Robert Leonard Creasey, and William Paul Paterson to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in full costume.

On June 8th WBro Jack Walters, DDGL for the 22nd District, WBro Don Alderman, DDGL for the 25th District and WBro Richard Ripley, DDGM for the 25th Masonic District, were individually received and given Private Grand Honors.

WBro Walters presented information about the Grand Lodge of England after a recent trip to Scotland.

WBro Alderman discussed ideas for the District Schools of Instruction planned for the next several months.

WBro Ripley discussed plans for the Grand Master's upcoming District Meeting and some of the Grand Master's plans for the coming year. He discussed changes to the Lodge 5-Star Program for charity collections and encouraged each Lodge to conduct annual fund raising project.

On June 22nd, we voted to change Articles 10 and 11 of our By-Laws. This established a \$25 Affiliation Fee and increased our dues to be \$100 per year effective in the year 2000.

Bro Truelove reported that Bro Connie Altman's mother had just passed away. It was reported that we had a well-attended Ice Cream Social earlier in June. Good food and ice cream were in abundance.

At our 1st Stated in July, we heard plans for the Oxford Pool Party in August. WBro George Starnes reported on his recent trip to Australia. His brother was installed as the Master of his Lodge in Queensland.

On July 27th we Raised Bros Thomas Calvin Allen and David Fletcher Bullard to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

On August 10th, the WM reported that the Pool Party was a great success. We were pleased to learn that Bro Skip Bonner and his wife Lisa recently had a new daughter, Ashley Baker Bonner. We learned that Bro Jim Cheek was in a Nursing Home. WBro Michael Carter reported on his wife's recent surgery.

Later in August, we learned that Bro Cheek's condition was terminal and that he would appreciate any visitors to help raise his spirits. We had another successful Ice Cream Social with a spaghetti dinner.

On September 14th, WBro Walters informed us that WBro Allan Bonner had refurbished our pig cooker. WBro Allan Bonner donated his Altar Bible for use by the Lodge. The Bible we had been using was donated by our 1st Master WBro Jimmy Johnson Jr. when the Lodge was Under Dispensation. That Bible was placed in the display cabinet in our foyer for safekeeping.

At our 2nd Stated, we learned that MW Bob Bass, PGM had passed away.

On October 26th, we elected Bro David Rhudy Jackson to membership by Affiliation. Bro John William Ginger was granted his request of an Absolute Demit. The WM updated us on the condition of WBro Bob Downen's wife, Sharon, who was scheduled for heart surgery. We approved a \$1500 donation to the victims of Hurricane Floyd along with passing the hat to add another \$192. Most of Eastern North Carolina had suffered major flooding and wind damage from the storm.

On November 3rd, we had an Emergent Communication to perform a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro James Alex Cheek. WBro Joey Transou presided. The family was very appreciative of the support in their time of loss. Sharon Downen underwent heart bypass surgery the previous day and recovering very well considering.

On November 9th, we learned that Bro James Vance Martin had recently passed away. That evening we Raised Bro Patrick Alan Niemann to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

The WM presented a 25 Year Service Award to WBro David Jensen during our 2nd Stated. We voted to remit the Dues of our 50 Year members, Bros Ira Ragland, Ray Dedrick, and Frank Lloyd.

On December 14th, it was reported that WBro Robert Downen was recently invested with the KCCH of the Scottish Rite. That evening we elected our officers for the Year 2000 the Millennial. WBro David Jensen was elected as our Trustee thru 2002. The WM presented a 25 Year Service Award to WBro Lecil Reese.

WBro David Jensen reported on the sidewalk assessment made by the City of Raleigh. We would have to make 2 payments of \$325 over the next 2 years.

WBro Downen reported his wife was doing better. We learned that Bros Frank Lloyd, Ray Dedrick, and WBro Norm Dickens were all doing poorly. We delivered poinsettias to our widows who expressed their appreciation.

At our 2nd Stated, we learned that WBro Marion Eugene White (our 2nd WM) had transferred to Fuquay Lodge #258 and we approved his request to Demit. Bro Ray Dedrick was back in the hospital with a serious infection.

We completed the year with a total membership of 159 Brothers. We had Raised 8 new Brothers and had 1 to Affiliate. We had 5 Brothers to pass away. We had 2 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 2000

Master James G. Lassiter, SW C. Saunders "Sandy" O'Quinn, JW WBro Robert J. Downen, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 10th year as Treasurer), and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon. WBro David Jensen Jr. was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2002. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD Allan B. "Skip" Bonner III, JD Robert C. Wilson, Michael J. Spencer and David F. Bullard as Stewards, Ernest S. Barany as Chaplain, and WBro George S. Starnes as the Tyler.

At our 1st Stated Communication on January 11th (starting a new millennial) The WM presented a 50 Year Service Award to Bro Raymond Walker Dew Jr. on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M. and their Morningside Lodge #295. Bro Dew was very appreciative.

On Saturday January 22nd, we assisted Angier Lodge with a 3rd Degree to Raise the son of WBro Don Bennett.

At this meeting, we learned that on January 21st, Dr. Allan B. Bonner, PM Perquimans #106, father of WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr., and Grandfather of WBro Allan "Skip" Bonner III, passed away. He was buried with Masonic Rites in Hertford at his home Episcopal Church Cemetery with services by his home lodge. We voted to make a Memorial Contribution to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in his honor.

The Communication scheduled for January 25th was cancelled due to extreme conditions resulting from a 20.5" snowfall the night before. It was a great time to go sledding.

At the Stated Communication on February 8th WBro Bob Downen reported that WBro David Jensen's wife Mary and Bro C.A. Lloyd's wife Hildi had both been injured during the recent snowstorm.

The WM reported on the 3rd Degree we helped present at Anger Lodge #686 went very well. The WM asked for volunteers to try to organize a permanent 3rd Degree Team. The WM reported that Bro Jim Wilhelm had started a webpage for our Lodge. Suggestions for the content were solicited from the brothers. Ultimately, we would not have a web presence until 2008.

During the Stated on February 22nd, a motion passed to donate \$25 to MESH in memory of Charles T. Robbins, the father of our EA, Mark Robbins. At motion also passed to make a \$25 contribution to MESH in memory of Kimberly Peeler, the daughter of Bro Overton Harris McCullough.

Bro Stanley O'Quinn reported on a very successful Ladies Night Banquet. Bro Bob Wilson reported that our Spring Blood Drive was scheduled for March 4th.

A report was received at our Communication on March 14th that Bro Norman K. A. Goering had Affiliated with Biltmore Lodge #446 in Ashville, NC. His Demit was effective on February 15th. It was also reported that Bro Charles April (C.A.) Lloyd had Affiliated with Rolesville #683 effective March 2nd.

WM reported that Bro Bob Dickson's wife was not recovering very well from a recent surgery. WBro Bob Downen reported on the recent birth of a grandson.

The WM reported that our recent Rex Blood Drive was the most successful yet. We donated 31 units to their program in the name of James B. Green Lodge.

At the meeting on March 28th, Bro Marion Lipscomb presented his appraisal of our Lodge for insurance purposes. It appraised at \$269,000. A motion was made to change our insurance policy to Actual Cash Value. The WM tabled it until next meeting.

WBro Bob Downen woke up the Lodge by mentioning that Grand Lodge is considering republishing the OSW with the Red Work written in plain English. A very lively discussion followed as WBro Downen reported on other proposed changes to the Code.

At the 1st Stated Communication on April 11th, the WM reminded us that the Grand Lodge Annual Communication would be held in Raleigh on 26-29 April.

We were informed that the condition of Bro Ray Dedrick was improving. WBro Gene Smith let us know his father was doing better. WBro Jack Walter's sister had passed away recently. WBro Mark Thompson's mother died on April 1st. Several brothers came to the visitation in support of WBro Thompson. A motion passed to donate \$25 to MESH in the memory of his mother.

We were reminded that the State Highway Patrol Degree Team would be presenting a 3rd Degree at Caswell Street on April 26th. Bro Bryon Hamilton agreed to research how Grand Lodge dispersed hurricane relief funds and report back after the upcoming Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

At the Stated on April 25th, it was announced that Bro Harold Myatt had been diagnosed with a terminal disease. We learned that Bro Steve Huth's mother had passed away the previous week. The Lodge voted to send a donation to MESH in her memory.

WBro Jack Walters announced that WBro Bill Hudson was to be installed at the DDGL of the 22nd Masonic District. Bro Skip Bonner provided a sketch of our preliminary plans for building a handicap ramp to the front door.

A motion passed to change our insurance to provide liability coverage to our tenants. It was suggested that the Eastern Star Chapter review their insurance liability coverage as well.

A motion was passed to correct the Lodge's financial budget to refer to the money received quarterly from the ES Chapter be refer to the payment as a Utility Offset vs. current practice of calling it a rent payment.

On May 9th, we were informed that RW Hiram Casebolt passed away recently. A motion passed to donate to MESH in his name.

Bro Skip Bonner provided more details on the proposed handicap ramp for our Lodge. A motion passed to allocate up to \$900 for building the ramp.

At the Stated on June 13th we were informed that WBro Eugene White, a Demitted Past Master (our 2nd Master), had died on Jun 8th. A motion passed to make a memorial donation in his name to the MHCO.

On July 11th, we heard that RW Hiram Casebolt's wife Sue had died recently. The WM reported that we had a very successful Ice Cream Social at the end on May and another one was planned for July 27th.

During our meeting on August 8th WBro Allan Bonner Jr. reminded us that a pool party for the MHCO kids will be held on August 20th and invited us all to attend.

At the 2nd Stated on August 22nd, we learned that over 40 kids had attended the pool party and it was deemed a great success by several brothers who attended.

We were informed that WBro Jim Lassiter's wife Sheila had surgery today at the Duke Medical Center. WBro Stanley Barefoot informed us that his wife underwent surgery the previous day. Both were said to be improving and making a satisfactory recovery.

At the meeting on September 12th, it was announced that both WBro Bill Hudson and WBro Don Bennett had both re-certified as Certified Lecturers. The WM announced that we would be presenting a 50 year Service Award to Bro Harry Fabry as a courtesy to the GL of Pennsylvania that evening. The WM announced that Bro David Bullard had resigned as Junior Steward due to his job schedule.

A motion passed to remit the 2001 dues of our 50-year members: John Cartwright, Ray Dedrick, Banks Holt, Frank Lloyd, and Ike Ragland.

At the Stated Communication on September 26th, we learned that Bro Byron Hamilton's mother had recently passed away. Bro Hamilton reported on the Hurricane Floyd relief funds, which masons had donated. The Grifton Lodge and 204 individuals were helped and \$136,450 was donated. WBro David Jensen distributed a list of proposed Lodge repair projects that had been provided by the brothers. More details to follow.

During our meeting on October 24th, the WM announced that Bro Connie Altman's father recently died. A motion passed to donate \$25 in his memory to the NC Masonic Foundation. Bro Jimmy Iraggi's wife Ruth was in Wake Rehab and improving.

On November 4th, it was announced that Bro Mel Davis was in Duke Medical Center with a serious illness. We learned that Bro Charlie Beamon's wife passed away recently. A motion passed to send a memorial contribution to MESH in memory of Mary Beamon.

The WM announced that our recent Blood Drive netted 16 units of blood. He reported that the recent Past Master's Night was a big success.

Our veterans were recognized and each gave a short account of their service.

At the Stated on November 28th, it was announced that Bro Joe Gahagan had died last week. WBro Allan Bonner Jr. reminded us of the planned workdays to build the handicapped ramp. The brothers voted to send Christmas poinsettias to our widows. The WM coordinated a trip to present a 50 Year Veterans Award to Bro Charlie Beamon at MESH on November 30th.

We proceeded to Raise Bro Basil Shymonyak to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason with the Degree Team presenting in full costume.

WBro Bill Hudson announce that he will get married on the following Thursday and invited us to attend.

On December 12th, the WM granted an Absolute Demit to Bro Charles A. Adams Jr. The Master thanked the brothers for distributing the poinsettias to our widows.

We proceed to elect our officers for 2001. WBro Jack Walters was voted to be our Trustee thru 2003.

A motion passed to purchase two new refrigerators and a freezer for the kitchen. The original units from 1966 (35 years ago) were in need of retirement.

At the 2nd Stated on December 26th, it was reported that Bro Mel Davis was still in the Duke Medical Center and not improving. It was reported that Bro Bob Hartley had died since our last Stated Communication. The Lodge voted to send a \$25 donation to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in his memory.

Bro Skip Bonner reported that everything was set up to begin work on the handicapped ramp on the following Saturday morning. Help was solicited from the brothers. The Secretary asked if anyone wanted to old Lodge computer, but upon describing its specification but no one was interested.

We completed the year with a total membership of 143 Brothers. We had Raised 2 new Brothers and Restored 1 for membership. We had 4 Brothers to pass away. We Excluded 12 Brothers for non-payment of dues and had 3 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 2001

Master C. Saunders “Sandy” O’Quinn, SW WBro Robert J. Downen, JW Allan B. “Skip” Bonner III, Treas. WBro Jack L. Walters (his 11th year), and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon. WBro Jack L. Walters was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2003. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD Michael J. Spencer, JD WBro Nick Warman, Bryon Hamilton and WBro David Jensen as Stewards, Bro David Jackson as Chaplain, and WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. as the Tyler.

At an Emergent Communication held on January 6th, we installed our officers for the coming year.

On our 1st Stated on January 9th, we learned that Bro Melbourne Glenn Davis had lost his battle on December 31st with a rare disease that did not seem to have any treatment options. He decided to donate his body to medical science to help discover a cure for this disease.

We also learned that Bro Dennis Holland had been diagnosed with a very serious disease and he was undergoing treatment. It was reported that WBro Mark Thompson had undergone a surgery to remove a bone spur from his neck / spinal cord, but was recovering at this time. Bro Phil Brink had recently had surgery. WBro George Starnes’ wife was in the hospital at this time. WBro Stanley Barefoot’s wife was going in to the hospital for tests tomorrow. We discussed how to express our support for all these people in our Masonic Family. Some good ideas emerged.

Bro Skip Bonner III reported on the completion of the handicapped ramp at the meeting on January 9th. The WM thanked all who helped complete this worthwhile project. This will make it much easier for our brethren and friends to access the Lodge when they are having difficulties getting around.

On a brighter note, Bro Jimmy Iraggi’s wife was finally home after 75 days in the hospital. It was announced that work to complete the handicap ramp was scheduled for the following Saturday, following a breakfast planned by the WM that morning

The WM presented a 25 Year Service Award to Bro Jim Haven.

Correspondence from the Grand Secretary informed the Lodge that WBro Michael Brantley had affiliated (plural membership) with Raleigh #500 and that Bro Benjamin Stuart Terry had affiliated (plural membership) with Riverside Lodge #606.

On February 13th WBro Andy Adams, DDGM, provided clarification on the proposal for concurrent jurisdiction throughout Wake County. We voted to adopt the resolution.

WBro Mark Thompson was recovering well from his serious neck / spinal surgery and back in Lodge that evening. WBro Allan Bonner Jr.’s wife was recovering from a recent surgery. We learned that WBro Gerald Radcliff’s wife had recently passed away.

WBro Jim Lassiter presented his research on plans to upgrade our kitchen.

At our 2nd Stated in February, the WM thanked the brethren who attended the GM’s meeting in Rolesville Lodge the previous evening. We also discussed plans for a Spring Blood Drive, this time getting other Lodges in our District to participate.

On March 27th, it was announced that Bro Edwin Bowling Hall had passed away on October 10th 2000, but that we were late in getting the communication from family. WBro Jim Lassiter's grandmother, Margarite Howard passed away on the previous Sunday. We also learned that Bro Charles Dent was very ill and in the hospital for tests. WBro Michael Spence was recovering from a serious auto accident.

A motion was passed to change Article 13 of our Bylaws to set the charity amount to \$250. It was to lay open for one month.

WBro Andy Adams, DDGM, and WBro Don Alderman, DDGL, were received into the Lodge with due honors on April 10th. WBro presented brief comments.

Bro Overton Harris McCullough formally requested an Absolute Demit and it was granted by the WM.

WBro Sandy O'Quinn presented a brief education program of the Grand Lodge of NC. There were a good number of questions and comments from the brothers.

On April 24th, it was announced that Bro Franklyn Henry Lloyd had passed away on April 12th

The WM read the motion to change the Bylaws. WBro Allan Bonner Jr. amended the amount for Charity to be \$500. The amended motion passed.

On May 8th, WBro Allan Bonner Jr. reported on a very successful steak cookout at the Masonic and Children's Home in Oxford. The residents enjoyed the meal.

At our Stated on May 22nd WBro Nick Warman resigned as Junior Steward as a result on his extensive work responsibilities. Some good news was reported that Bro Charles Dent's serious illness was now in remission.

At our Stated on June 12th, the WM announced that Bro J. Harold Myatt had passed away on June 8th. WBro David Jensen suggested that we update our memorial plaque honoring our fallen brethren. WBros Jim Lassiter and Ron Hollamon volunteered to assist in the update. Names were compiled but the plaque was not created.

The WM reported on a recent trip to MESH where we attended services with the residents and then took a bus tour of the facility. The WM thanked WBro Jack Walters for his help in coordinating the tour.

On June 26th, we were pleased to learn that Bro Ken Kirby was recovering well for a recent surgery.

On July 24th, we learned that WBro Skip Wilson was in Make Medical Center for tests. WBro Norm Dickens's wife was very ill at this time. Bro Leo Heartt's wife was also very sick as well.

Plans were announced for the trip to Charlotte for the upcoming Grand Lodge meeting. It was reported that we had had 2 very successful Ice Cream Socials and another one was planned for the following Thursday.

On August 14th, the WM approved to a request from William Pitt Lodge #734 as a courtesy to confer the 2nd and 3rd Degrees on their candidate Bro Alexander Cheek Jr.

We learned that WBro Gene Smith's father had passed recently.

At the Stated on August 28th, the WM reported on the great turnout at our recent Ice Cream Social. Plenty of good food and ice cream was enjoyed by all. We were pleased to have WBro Skip Wilson back in Lodge that evening.

On September 11th, the WM informed us that we would have a short meeting due to the terrorist attack on our country that day. The goal was to get the brothers home in time to watch an address by President Bush to the country. This was a sad day for all Americans and we wanted to understand what had happened this day.

Bro Norman Pritchard a visitor from Prenton Lodge #4311 of the Grand Lodge of England enlightened us with an excerpt from one of their lectures. It was remarkably similar to our 2nd Degree Winding Stair Lecture.

We voted to replace our gutter guards for approximately \$300 at our Stated on September 25th. We were reminded of the Grand Lodge Communication to be held the following weekend. The remaining proposed amendments to the Code were read.

On October 9th, we discussed that the Rainbow Girls were looking for a new sponsor. WBro Allan Bonner Jr. and WBro Jim Lassiter suggested that we jointly sponsor them with the James B. Green OES Chapter. The motion passed. We passed a motion to Remit the 2002 dues of our three 50 Year members.

The WM granted a request for Absolute Demit from Bro Don Cunningham at our Stated on November 13th. The WM thanked WBro Jim Lassiter and WBro Tommy Lassiter for their efforts that made for an outstanding Past Master's Banquet.

The WM took orders for lodge tee shirts with our embroidered logo. The WM also announced that the Raleigh Rainbow Assembly would begin meeting in our Lodge starting in December. After many years, we were finally successful in hosting an Assembly, which as of 2015 still meets in our Lodge.

At our Stated on November 27th we were sad to learn that WBro Norman Dickens (our 17th Master) had passed away on November 19th. Members of our Lodge traveled to Tarboro to attend his Masonic Funeral Service.

The WM thanked WBro Jack Walter, WBro David Jensen, and Bro Mike Spencer for installing the new and improved outdoor lighting for the Lodge. Bro Spencer announced that we would assist James A. Johnson Lodge with their upcoming 3rd Degree.

On December 11th, WBro Andy Adams, past DDGM, presented the 14th Masonic District DDGM apron to WBro Allan Bonner Jr. our new DDGM. WBro Adams was praised for the work he had accomplished in our District.

We voted to send a \$100 memorial donation to MHCO in memory of WBro Norman Dickens. WBro Jim Lassiter coordinated the delivery of poinsettias to our widows. We elected our officers for the coming year of 2002.

On December 25th, we had a successful Stated Communication of Christmas Eve. Correspondence from the Grand Secretary notified us that Bro Walter Carl Phelps had attained Plural Membership with William G. Hill Lodge # 218.

We completed the year with a total membership of 136 Brothers. We Restored 1 Brother for membership. We had 2 Brothers to pass away. We Excluded 4 Brothers for non-payment of dues and had 2 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 2002

Master Robert "Bob" J. Downen, SW Allan B. "Skip" Bonner III, JW Michael Spencer, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 12th year) and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon. WBro George M. Stockstill was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2004. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD M. Ray Hudson, JD Robert L. "Bob" Taylor, Bro David R. Jackson and WBro James G. "Jim" Lassiter as Stewards, WBro Harvey G. Jackson as Chaplain, and WBro Stanley Barefoot as the Tyler.

On January 5th, we installed our new officers and had a followed by a delicious supper.

At our 1st Stated in January, the SD conducted WBro Bill Hudson and WBro Donald Alderman to the East. The WM introduced them as the DDGLs for the 13th and 14th Masonic District. WBro Allan Bonner Jr. was conducted to the East and recognized as the new DDGM for the 14th Masonic District. Appropriate honors were given to our brothers. The Lodge approved a donation of \$100 to the Rainbow Assembly for their assistance in making our Installation supper a success.

The new James B. Green Lodge golf shirts had arrived and distributed to the brothers. The WM suggested that brothers wear this shirt at our meetings and elsewhere as appropriate to gain recognition of our Lodge.

On January 22nd, we learned that WBro Skip Wilson had had very serious surgery and was still in Duke. We then proceed to Raise Bro Alex Cheek Jr. as a courtesy candidate to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The Master of William Pitt Lodge #734 was present and expressed his appreciation for our performing the courtesy degrees for Bro Cheek.

At our 1st Stated in February, the WM announced that Bro Charles Brooks Dent had passed away on January 31st. The family did not request a Memorial Service, but several brothers did attend the funeral in support to the family.

We learned that WBro Skip Wilson was back in the Intensive Care center for 3 weeks to combat infections resulting from his recent pulmonary surgery. Bro Ernie Barany was home from the hospital following cardiac surgery. WBro Claiborn Brunette (our 12th Master) recently had his brother to pass away. WBro Bill Hudson was home and recovering from his recent surgery. Bro Herb Robertson had recently undergone replacement of both of his knees.

On February 26th, the WM announced that Bro Thomas Galvin Allen had recently died on February 19th. Bro Ernie Barany was recovering from cardiac surgery. WBro Skip Wilson was back in Intensive Care resulting from a reaction to antibiotic medications.

At our 1st Stated in March, it was announced that Bro James Prince McQueen had passed away on March 8th. WBro James Hutchins (our 15ht Master) had recently undergone knee surgery and was recovering at home.

We elected Bro David Walter Benyas to membership by Affiliation.

Bro Willis Ackley who had been a Mason for 47 Years requested a Demit because of his failing health on March 26th. It was granted by order of the WM.

On April 9th, we learned that WBro Harold Lee Jones (our 6th Master) had transferred his Masonic membership to Rolesville Lodge #683 effective March 21st.

Later that month we learned that WBro Bob Downen's wife was almost thru her treatments for a serious illness.

On April 24th, we had an Emergent Communication to conduct a Masonic Funeral Service for WBro Clarence Elmer "Skip" Wilson (our 34th Master) who had died on April 18th from his with complications from his illness.

We started placing additional Holy Scriptures on the Altar in respect for the faith of one of our members at the Stated on May 14th. A practice we will continue in the future.

We learned that WBro Stanley Barefoot's wife was very sick and treatments would begin soon. WBro George Starnes's daughter and sister will undergo surgery.

On June 25th, it was reported that we had a very successful Blood Drive with over 50 people attempting to donate with 43 being accepted for collection.

At the 1st Stated in July WBro Stanley Barefoot reported that his wife was still very ill, but showing some improvement. WBro Harvey Jackson reported that his wife had recovered well enough to start arguing with him again. WBro Bob Downen's wife was still having a very hard time with her treatments.

The Master presented a 50 Year Service Award to Bro Donald H. Grider on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and their Zeredatha Lodge #159.

On July 23rd, the WM informed the Lodge that Bro Joseph C. Terry had Affiliated with Vandora Springs Lodge. His Demit was effective July 4th. Both WBros Bob Downen and Stanley Barefoot reported that their wives were finally getting better. We had a good showing at the recent Ice Cream Social.

WBro Tommy Lassiter was reported to be in the hospital in Wilmington with a serious head injury at our Stated on August 13th. Bro C. Roger Morgan had successful surgery and he was recovering at home. The WM reported that the recent Family Day picnic and pool party for the MHCO was well attended and very much appreciated by the kids.

At the 2nd Stated in August it was reported that WBro Tommy Lassiter was in a rehab facility to help him recover from his very serious head injury.

On September 10th, we had a moment of silence to remember the tragic loss of life a year ago in the terrorist attack on our country. WBro Tommy Lassiter is expected to be discharged from rehab soon and be able to continue recovery at home. WBro Allan Bonner's brother was in the hospital in Atlanta with a very serious illness.

We had an Emergent Communication of September 23rd to conduct a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro William Charles Beamon who had died on September 21st. Bro Beamon served for 23 years as the Treasurer of our Lodge. We had honored him previously with a Lifetime Membership for all his faithful years of service to our Lodge.

On October 8th, we were happy to learn that WBro Stanley Barefoot's wife was in complete remission. WBro Harvey Jackson's wife was doing much better. WBro Bob Downen's wife was also doing much better. All of this was very good news to the Lodge.

The WM announced that Bro William Paul Patterson had Affiliated with Winston Lodge #167. His Demit was effective September 9th. The Master announced that the Grand Master-elect would visit our Lodge on October 22nd. He also announced that we had received the Bronze 5 Star Award at Grand Lodge.

On October 15th, we had an Emergent Communication for a 3rd Degree. We Raised Bro Tony Lynn Jarvis to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

At the Stated Communication on October 22nd, the Master informed us that Bro Ballie Durham Mizelle had passed away on October 13th.

The Senior Deacon conducted RWBro Charles Lewis, Deputy Grand Master, to the East. The Master passed him the gavel. RWBro Lewis recognized several brothers in our Lodge who he had a close working relationship with Grand Lodge and him personally. He announced his theme for next year, "The Best is yet to come." He challenged us not to be satisfied with our current status but to continue to strive for something better in all our undertakings. We must work if we are to make Masonry Great. He then closed the Lodge in due form.

On November 12th, the WM reported on a very successful Past Master and Awards Banquet. The brothers with military experience were recognized and asked to relate some of their experiences. WBro Mark Thompson proposed that the Lodge buy 4 additional OSWs so we would have copies to loan to coaches and other members. The motion passed.

At our 2nd Stated on November 26th, we recognized those brothers with sickness and distress in their families. We then proceeded to Raise Bro Brian Paul Allison to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

WBro Jack Walters described how the James B. Green OES Chapter was would donate \$200 to the Toys for Tots charity. A motion passed that we make a matching contribution to this worthwhile endeavor. Plans were made to distribute Christmas poinsettias to our widows.

We elected our new officers on December 10th. We learned that one of our widows, Effie Copeland had passed away. Several brothers reported of their experiences of delivering poinsettias to our widows. The gift was much appreciated by them.

Bro Johnny M. Watkins was granted a request to Demit. The Master polled the Lodge to determine who would be attending our next Stated Communication on December 24th, Christmas Eve. A motion passed to grant the WM, Treasurer, and Secretary the ability to receive funds and pay our bills thru the end of the year. We also approved a motion to buy a replacement briefcase for the Master.

No Stated Communication of James B. Green Lodge was held on December 24th 2002, due to a lack of quorum.

We completed the year with a total membership of 124 Brothers. We had Raised 2 new Brothers, had 1 to Affiliate and Restored 1 for membership. We had 7 Brothers to pass away. We Excluded 4 Brothers for non-payment of dues and had 5 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 2003

Master Allan B. "Skip" Bonner III, SW Michael J. Spencer, JW Robert L. "Bob" Taylor, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 13th year), and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon. WBro David A. Jensen Jr. was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2005. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD David R. Jackson, JD WBro Gene A. Smith, Brian P. Allison and Tony L. Jarvis as Stewards, M. Ray Hudson as Chaplain, and WBro Harvey G. Jackson as the Tyler.

We installed our new officers at an EC on January 4th.

At the 1st Stated on January 14th, we learned that Bro Ed Bailey had undergone very serious cardiac surgery and was recovering at this time. WBro John Hutchins (our 10th Master) was starting a series of treatments for a serious disease. WBro George Starnes was successfully recovering from a recent surgery.

The WM expressed his thanks to the brothers who had cleaned up the yard of all the debris from the severe ice storm last month. We were reminded of the recent fire at the Rolesville Lodge that destroyed their building with all contents. It was recommended that we undertake a project to make digital copies of all our Past Master and those in the future. These along with digital copies of all our important documents were to be stored off-site in a safe place. We continue the process today.

On January 28th, we learned that WBro Tommy Lassiter was doing better and still recovering from his severe head injury last year. Bro Ray Hudson announced that WBro Michael J. Carter would soon be starting as the Pastor of Creedmoor Road Baptist Church next Sunday. WBro Michael had been called to the ministry several years ago and proceeded to train for that mission. We wish him success in his new endeavors.

We held our 1st Stated on February 11th. We approved the Application for Affiliation of Bro William Leon Moody. We learned that Bro Charles Edmond "Ed" Bailey had passed away on February 6th. It was reported that Bro Banks Holt was in Rex Hospital. We were told that Bro Ray Dedrick was not doing well at that time.

The Master discussed the planned renovation for our kitchen. We have already purchased the new stoves and a dishwasher. The new cabinets were due to arrive soon so that installation could begin.

On February 25th, the Master described a very successful Ladies Night Banquet that had been catered by WBro Jimmy Lassiter and his wife Shelia, this despite the renovation work going on in the kitchen that Saturday. The WM told us that the remainder of the new cabinets should be here by the next Saturday. He solicited help in getting those installed. He also described plans to paint the downstairs of the Lodge.

WBro George Starnes pointed out that of the 8 members present the Master was the only non-Past Master in Lodge that evening with no visitors in attendance. The PMs congratulated each other and so did the Worshipful Master on this singular circumstance.

At the 1st Stated in March, we approved the Application for Affiliation (Dual) of WBro Waldemar Dmitro "Wally" Stopkey. It was reported that WBro John Hutchins was not doing very well at that time.

Later that month it was reported that WBro Harvey Jackson's wife was very sick.

On April 22nd, the WM announced that the manager of Subway Sandwich Shop at Colony Shopping Center was willing to provide free sandwiches to people donating at our Blood Drive planned for May 17th. Ice cream is also being provided. We were reminded of the planned Car Show being held Saturday for the benefit of Camp Rainbow. We started a project to plan how to get better gutter system that would not clog as easily with pine straw. WBro Jim Sullivan, Grand Chaplain, gave a short presentation on the Jones Masonic Campus near Swansboro.

At the Communication on May 13th, we approved a motion to select a vendor from the 3 quotations we had received and proceed with the project. The Master thanked Bro Tom Hess for his efforts to wire in the new dishwasher. A motion passed to hold a recognition dinner to honor Bro Robert Truelove and to present him with an engraved fishing pole. Details would be announced.

On May 27th we learned that the Blood Drive we had 39 volunteers and had gathered 27 units of blood.

At the 1st Stated in June, we learned that Bro Willis Joseph Ackley had died recently. Bro Ackley was a longtime member of our Lodge who had Demitted last year due to health problems and his inability to attend meeting or functions.

We learned that WBro Stanley Barefoot had undergone emergency cardiac surgery last week but was doing well under the circumstances.

A letter from Linda asked our help in setting up the Grand Assembly on Rainbow. Volunteers were to contact Linda. The Master reported that the new gutters and leaf guards were installed and working effectively.

WBro Walter Hereford thanked the members for their help in performing the 3rd Degree for J. J. Crowder last week.

We were happy to have WBro Stanley Barefoot and Bro Robert Truelove in attendance at our meeting on July 22nd.

At our 1st Stated in August WBro Allan Bonner explained that he had plugged the drain at the side door to the basement to prevent flooding into the Lodge. Please leave the plug in place to prevent water from backing up into the stairwell and coming into the Lodge during heavy rains.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. had undergone a recent pulmonary medical emergency, but was improving with treatment for the condition. He had a close call.

At our Stated on September 9th, we were informed that Bro Howard Francis Cannon had died on July 18th. Bro Bob Taylor reminded us of the appreciation supper for Bro Robert Truelove to be held at the Wake County Shrine Club October 3rd.

The WM presented a 25 Year Service Award to Bro Bob Taylor.

On October 14th, the Master approved a Request for Absolute Demit from Bro David W. Benyas. Several brothers reported on the very successful dinner that honored Bro Truelove for his work in our Lodge and the Wake County Shrine Club.

6 brothers from our Lodge attended Grand Lodge. WBro Bob Downen reported on the proposed amendments to the code and that we had won the Grand Master's Silver Five Star Award.

At the Stated Communication of November 11th, we learned from the Grand Secretary's office that Bro Bryon Bruce Hamilton had affiliated with Wake Forest Lodge #282 with an effective date of October 28th. Bro Robert Truelove was present at our meeting and expressed his great appreciation for the dinner and fishing rod.

The veterans in the Lodge were recognized and they spoke to some of their duties.

It was announced that WBro Mark Thompson had recently undergone major surgery and was recovering at home. Bro Bob Taylor reported that his mother was very sick.

At our 2nd Stated in November, we voted to donate \$200 to Toys for Tots. WBro Allan Bonner Jr. reminded us that the poinsettias would be delivered Saturday and he needed volunteers to make the deliveries. WBro Bonner mentioned that his health was improving and he was able to taper off most of his medication. That was good news.

On December 9th, the WM announced that Bro Willard Thomas Hawkins, a charter member of James B. Lodge, had passed away on December 5th. Several brothers reported that the widows were very appreciative of our gift of flowers.

The Master granted a Request to Demit for Bro Walter "Chip" Phelps. He was now a singular member of William G. Hill Lodge #218.

WBro Mark Thompson was back in Lodge and thanked the brothers for their many calls and cards during his recent illness.

At our Stated Communication on December 23rd, it was announced that Bro John Walter "Jack" Cartwright had passed away back on June 12th 2003. WBro Jack Walters was in the hospital with a cardiac problem. Bro Ray Dedrick's wife had surgery recently and was recovering well. Bro Bill Tulloss had suffered a major illness.

Bro Robert Truelove reported that Fran Johnson, widow of our 1st Master, had some lodge memorabilia that she wanted to donate to the Lodge.

We completed the year with a total membership of 119 Brothers. We had 2 Brothers to Affiliate. We had 3 Brothers to pass away. We Excluded 1 Brother for non-payment of dues and had 3 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 2004

Master Robert L. "Bob" Taylor, SW M. Ray Hudson, JW David R. Jackson, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 14th year) and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon. WBro Jack L. Walters was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2007. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD Michael R. Turner, JD WBro George B. Starnes, WBro Harvey G. Jackson, and WBro James G. Lassiter as Stewards, WBro David A. Jensen as Chaplain, and WBro Allan B. Bonner III as the Tyler.

We installed our new officers at an Emergent Communication on January 10th.

At our 1st Stated on January 13th, Bro Brian Allison related his recent experiences visiting a Masonic Lodge in Tokyo Japan. Their members related that they were experiencing a decline in membership over the past years. It was reported that Bro Bill Tulloss was in Wake Rehab trying to recover from his illness. WBro Stanley Barefoot was in intensive care with cardiac problems.

James B. Green Lodge #735 did not hold a Stated on January due to a lack of Quorum. A major ice storm over the weekend had made roads impassable.

On February 10th, WBro Allan Bonner Jr. related how several members had built an access ramp at the home of Bro Bill Tulloss, who was still in rehab. WBro Michael Carter was still on crutches or a walker to get around after his recent auto accident.

On the bright side, WBro Stanley Barefoot was back in Lodge and recovering from his recent surgery. He felt like a very lucky man to have made it this far.

WBro Mark Thompson gave a short talk about some famous veterans: Lee Marvin, Bob Keeshan (Captain Kangaroo), and Fred Rogers.

At the 2nd Stated in February, WBro Gene Smith gave a very informative talk regarding Masonic Funerals, past and present.

Bro James Patrick Braziel was elected to membership by Affiliation at the Stated on March 9th.

The WM reported that WBro Mike Carter was doing better and was back at work. Bro Bill Tulloss was scheduled to return to his home from rehab very soon. WBro Claiborn Burnette had surgery recently and was recovering. WBro Bill Hudson's mother had recently passed away.

On March 23rd, we elected Bro Donald Hughes Grider to membership by Affiliation.

At our 1st Stated on April 13th, the WM informed us that Bro L. Banks Holt had passed away on March 27th. Bro Bill Tulloss was improving and finally home. He found the handicapped ramp at his home to very useful.

Bro Kenneth Leon Grumbine was elected to membership by Affiliation.

On April 27th, the WM accepted the request from WBro Michael Brantley, DDGL, to host a planned School of Instruction. We were reminded of the planned Blood Drive scheduled for the following Saturday at our Lodge.

We learned that Bro Ray Dedrick was home and recovering very slowly. His wife Nora was also at home recovering from a recent illness.

On May 11th, the WM reported that Bro Ray Austin Dedrick had passed away on May 4th. A Masonic Funeral Service was held for him.

Bro Eddie Richard Johnson Jr. was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. He was Raised by his father, Bro Eddie Johnson Sr.

At the Stated on June 22nd WBro Don Alderman reported on the successful School of Instruction that our Lodge hosted on June 19th. It was also reported that 2 of the members of our Rainbow Girls Assembly were to be installed as Grand Officers.

On July 13th, the WM reported on the recent very successful Ice Cream Social that had over 50 family and friends to attend.

That evening we Raised Bro Jeffrey Jay Langley to the Degree of Master Mason. The degree team performed the ceremony in full costume.

On July 27th, the Master described our last ice cream social to be a great success with over 30 in attendance.

We learned that Bro Mike Turner's wife was very sick at this time.

The Lodge approved a Demit for Bro Geoffrey Scott Southworth. He had been living out of state for several years. Bro Southworth was remembered by a number of the brethren as having started the long running Pool Party for the kids at Oxford. The next Pool Party was scheduled in early August.

WBro Gene Smith presented an Education Program on the formation of the Grand Lodge of London in 1717. A lot of good historical information was discussed.

Bro Jim Iraggi reported on his recent visit to a Lodge in Oklahoma. The Master was a Native American and wore his feathered headdress. Bro Iraggi described some of the similarities and differences between the NC and OK Masonic rituals.

At the Stated on August 24th, we learned the Oxford Pool Party had been cancelled due to Hurricane Charley. Plans were being made to reschedule soon.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. described some of his frustrations dealing with the side stairwell drain and its continual backup problems. He had Roto-Rooter investigate and they determined where the drainpipe had been crushed. Water was entering at that point and backing up into the stairwell drain. He suggested a plug in the drain to help mitigate the problem. That plug is still in place today and serving to stop the backup.

It was reported that WBro Bonner's brother was very ill, as was WBro Wally Stopkey's wife. Bro Mike Turner's wife was undergoing treatments at that time.

At the Stated Communication on September 14th we agreed to pay for the removal of the concrete debris beside our driveway the resulted from past roadwork.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. reported that his brother had lost his fight with a serious illness and passed away recently. Bro Marvin Spivey's condition was now terminal. WBro Stuart Terry (our 13th Master) was seriously ill with a progressive disease.

At the September 28th meeting, WBro Bob Downen reported on the activities at Grand Lodge. For one the per capita rate was to increase to \$15 per member.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. was in the hospital at this time. It was reported that Bro Marvin "Chick" Spivey would welcome any calls and visitors to his home.

WBro Wally Stopkey's wife was continuing with her treatments. Bro Mike Turner's wife was undergoing treatments and she was back at home.

On October 12th, a motion passed to remit the 2005 Dues of our 50 Year Members: Donald H. Grider, Leslie Eugene Hardy, J. Ira Ragland, Herbert N. Robertson, Waldemar D. Stopkey, and George A. Yancey. A motion passed to remit the dues of Bros Ray DeBerry and Marvin Spivey in recognition of their very poor health due to serious medical problems.

The WM reported that WBro Allan Bonner Jr. had passed the medical tests during his recent hospitalization and was home. Bro Ken Kirby's mother recently passed away.

A motion passed to donate \$1000 to the Grand Lodge for relief of the lodges in western NC, which suffered serious flooding during the recent hurricanes.

At the 2nd Stated on October 27th, the WM thanked WBro Jimmy Lassiter for catering the Past Master's Banquet with the assistance of his wife Shelia. It was deemed a great success with 54 members and family attending.

Bro Mike Turner's wife was back in the hospital recently. WBro Wally Stopkey's wife was not doing very well at that time.

On November 9th, we elected WBro John Carl Held to membership by Affiliation. WBro Held was also a 50 Year Mason with many years of experience. The Lodge voted to remit his 2004 and 2005 dues in recognition of year served.

WBro George Starnes reported on the recent dedication of the newly rebuilt Lodge Hall in Rolesville.

WBro Wally Stopkey's wife passed away from her illness last week.

At an Emergent Communication held at the Raleigh Masonic Temple on November 22nd as a joint function of William G. Hill #218, Raleigh Lodge #500, and James B. Green #735. The purpose was to initiate new brothers from each Lodge into Masonry. It was a very successful cooperation of the 3 Lodges.

At our Stated on November 23rd, it was announced that Bro Donald McGee Etheridge (our 7th Master and one of our Charter Members) passed away on November 11th. A Masonic Funeral Service was conducted at the request of his family. It was also announced that Bro Kenneth Waddell Haled had passed away on November 17th but the family did not request a Memorial Service.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. was back in Lodge that evening. He discussed the plans of the James B. Green Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, to donate toys to the Toys for Tots campaign. We voted to assist them in this endeavor with a \$200 donation.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. informed us that his recent surgery was successful and that he could breathe much better now.

On December 14th, we elected our officers for the year 2005. The WM approved a request from WBro J. Michael Carter for an Absolute Demit.

WBro Jack Walters, chairman of the MESH committee, described the new admission option for the Home. Under this plan, the residents can pay as they go, without having to sign over all their assets. This sounds like a good option for some.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. reported that the OES had donated over 400 toys to the very worthwhile Toys for Tots campaign.

At our last Stated of the year on December 28th, it was announced that Bro George Washington Barnes had died on December 20th.

Bro Mike Turner reported that his wife was doing much better, very good news.

We completed the year with a total membership of 117 Brothers. We had Raised 2 new Brothers and had 4 to Affiliate. We had 5 Brothers to pass away. We had 3 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 2005

Master WBro David A. Jensen Jr., SW WBro Robert L. Taylor, JW Michael R. Turner, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 15th year) and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon. WBro George M. Stockstill was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2007. The Master appointed the following officers to serve: SD WBro James G. Lassiter, JD James R. Haven, Kenneth L. Grumbine and E. Richard Johnson Jr. as Stewards, WBro Waldemar D. Stopkey as Chaplain, and WBro Robert J. Downen as the Tyler.

We installed our new officers at an Emergent Communication on January 6th.

At the 2nd Stated on January 25th, we learned that Bro Marvin Joseph "Chick" Spivey, a Charter Member of our Lodge died on January 23rd. Plans were made to conduct a Masonic Funeral Service for him tomorrow with Wake Forest Lodge leading the ceremony as requested by his family. It was reported that the mother of Bro Richard Eddins died recently.

On February 8th, we learned that Bro Leo Heartt's wife had recently passed away. Bro Leo was a former member of our Lodge for many years.

At the Stated on February 22nd, we had 4 candidates, 3 from other Lodges, in preparation for a 3rd Degree that evening. We were assisted by Raleigh Lodge #500, Masters Lodge #754, and William G. Hill #218 to conduct the Degree in full costume. We proceeded to Raise Bro Jeffery Bayden Phelps (our

candidate), John Carville Dempsey, Shawn Robert Hutchinson, and Laurence Craig Singleton to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The Degree was long, but very well performed.

On March 8th, we were very sad to learn that Bro Vincent James Iraggi had died on March 3rd. We conducted a Masonic Funeral Service for him. WBro Don Bennett was the presiding officer. Vera Etheridge, one of our widows, had recently passed away.

Bro Richard Johnson announced he was moving to the Washington DC area with his job and that tonight would be his last meeting with our Lodge.

WBro Jack Walters reported that MESH needed at least \$25 per year from our members to help meet the costs of operation for the Home.

At our meeting on March 22nd, we learned that Bro William Preston Smith had died on March 17th. We passed a motion to commission Libby West to sew new curtains for the Lodge.

On May 10th, WBro Jack Walters reported on a planned trip to MESH by several brothers and wives. A van was to be available to help with the transportation. WBro Bob Downen explained the reason for not holding a Blood Drive that year. Rex Blood Services decided to discontinue the benefit to donors of reduced transfusion costs.

On July 12th, we were treated to a delicious meal by the ladies of our OES Chapter. The WM thanked all the brothers who brought out ice cream freezers in support of the recent Ice Cream Social that was well attended.

At the meeting on July 26th, we were informed that Bro Elvin Edwin Ward Jr. had Affiliated with Phoenix Lodge #8 in Fayetteville NC effective July 12th. The WM praised the brothers who were beginning the huge task of painting our downstairs.

During the meeting on August 23rd, we learned that Fellow Craft Bro Timothy Scott Crumpler had died on August 13th, just 2 weeks after he had Advanced to the FC Degree. Ten Lodge members had attended the funeral in Warsaw NC.

We proceed to Raise Bros Rex Allan Ingle, Edward Alfred Preble, and John Ellis Taylor to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

At the Stated on September 13th Bro John Davis, DDGL, and WBro Bruce Marshburn, DDGM, we officially received into the Lodge. WBro Marshburn reminded us that we are a daily advertisement for Freemasonry and we should not be timid in talking about the fraternity to nonmembers.

The Master announced that tonight was a special occasion to honor our Past Masters, who tonight would fill all the officer chairs in the Lodge. We had 28 Past Masters in attendance that evening out of 36 brothers. Each PM was recognized and made remarks regarding his year in the East.

A 50 Year Veterans Award was presented to Bro Lloyd Murray Hunter. It was a very informative and interesting evening.

On September 27th, several brothers reported on the activities as our recent Grand Lodge Annual Communication. We also learned that Belinda, Bro Mike Turner's wife was admitted to the hospital today. The Lodge voted to send her flowers.

On Tuesday October 11th, the WM presented WBro Ron Hollamon a Certificate of Appreciation for his fine work as the Lodge Secretary. The WM presented several other Certificates at the Fall Banquet, notably to the Treasurer and our many coaches.

It was reported that WBro Don Alderman had recently been awarded the Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) in the Scottish Rite.

We learned that WBro George Starnes's brother had recently passed away. We were happy to hear that Belinda Turner was home, but planning to undergo another series of treatments for her illness.

On October 25th, we voted to send poinsettias to our widows again at Christmas. Bro Jeff Phelps solicited donations of nails, plywood, and shingles for his project to renovate our cookout shelter on the rear of the Lodge. Some able manpower would also be appreciated to get the project completed.

The WM reported that earlier that day he had the pleasure of presenting a 65 Year Membership Certificate to Bro William Upton as a courtesy for the Grand Lodge of New York.

We then proceeded to Raise Bros Perry Coleman Rumble and Kenneth Dana Thompson to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

At the 1st Stated on November 8th WBro Mark Thompson, Finance Committee Chairman, reported that we had cashed in a Certificate of Deposit to pay for the recent repair of our septic tank and drain field.

Several brothers reported on the recent 3rd Degree for Jimmy Crumpler, brother of our deceased Bro Scott Crumpler. The Master was impressed at the quality of work by his Lodge that evening.

Bro Mike Turner reported that his wife, Belinda, was currently at home under Hospice Care.

On December 13th, we voted to remit next year's dues for Bro Ray M. DeBerry. WBro Jim Lassiter was coordinating the delivery of the poinsettias downstairs to all of our widows. The Lodge voted to donate \$150 to purchase toys for the Toys for Tots campaign. We then proceed to hold elections for our 2006 officers.

At our last Stated of 2005 on December 27th, we voted to elect WBro N. A. "Dock" Dunn to an Honorary Membership in our Lodge.

We completed the year with a total membership of 115 Brothers. We had Raised 6 new Brothers. We had 3 Brothers to pass away. We Excluded 4 Brothers for non-payment of dues and had 1 Brother to Demit.

The Year of 2006

Master Michael R. Turner, SW WBro James G. Lassiter, JW James R. Haven, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 16th year) and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon. WBro David A. Jensen Jr. was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2008. The Master appointed the following officers to serve: SD Jeffery B. Phelps, JD

Perry C. Rumble, Steven D. Huth and WBro Robert L. Taylor as Stewards, R. Allan Ingle as Chaplain, and Kenneth L. Grumbine as the Tyler.

At the meeting on January 10th, the WM discussed plans to enroll our SD Bro Jeff Phelps in Wilkerson Masonic College. WBro George Stockstill and WBro Dock Dunn made a donation to assist in paying his enrollment fees.

On January 24th, Bro Phelps announced that he had received a \$200 scholarship from the Scottish Rite toward the Wilkerson College fees. The hat was passed and the remaining amount of the application fee was contributed by the brothers present.

WM Jim Lassiter served in the East that evening. He explained that our Master Mike Turner's wife was now gravely ill and asked that we keep the family in our prayers.

At the 1st Stated in February, the Master Mike Turner thanked the brothers for their support during his wife's illness and for their attendance at her funeral.

It was reported that the recent Ladies Night banquet was a great success. WBro Jim Lassiter and his wife Shelia prepared an excellent meal. Entertainment was provided by Bro Bill Tulloss' daughter, Karen, who provided some special music for the evening.

At the meeting on March 28th, Bro Jeff Phelps reported on the first weekend training at Wilkerson Masonic College. The WM reported on WBro David Jensen. He was in poor condition from his serious illness and very weak from the treatments, but in good spirits.

On April 11th, we heard from the son of WBro Ron Hollamon. Josh Hollamon, a Boy Scout from the local Troop 214 and Andy Haun, his Assistant Scout Master presented his proposal. Josh wanted to help complete the downstairs painting as part of his Eagle Scout leadership project. He agreed to pay half of the expected \$600 expense for materials, with the Lodge paying the remainder. The brothers present thought this was an excellent plan and supported the endeavor by passing the hat. We collected \$177 to defray the cost to the Lodge.

At the 1st Stated on May 9th Bro Jeff Phelps solicited help in cleaning up the Lodge and support for our planned BBQ Chicken fundraiser scheduled for the Friday of the following week. We hoped to serve 400 meals. The funds raised were for our charities. A motion passed to purchase new aprons and equipment for use during Masonic Funeral Services.

On May 23rd we received into the Lodge WBro Bruce Marshburn, DDGM 14th Masonic District, with due honors. He reported that overall membership in NC Masonry had leveled off. It seems several popular movies, such as "National Treasure" and "The Da Vinci Code" had sparked a renewed interest in masonry.

It was reported that the recent BBQ Chicken Fund Raiser was a great success. We raised over \$1160 and had participation from a great number of the brethren.

At the meeting on June 13th, the WM reported that Bro James John Wilhelm had passed away on April 12th. Bro Bill Tulloss had recently been in the hospital and was now in a nursing home. The brothers were asked to call and visit him to raise his spirits. WBro David Jensen was not doing well and he would appreciate visits and calls.

On June 27th, WBro Jim Lassiter reported on the recent Rainbow Assembly and Grand Assembly. Two young ladies from our Chapter were installed into the Grand Line. WBro Jack Walters was recognized for his service to Rainbow with the Grand Cross of Colors.

It was reported that WBro David Jensen and Bro Bill Tulloss were both doing poorly and they could each use some calls and visits.

At the Stated on July 11th, WBro Jack Walters described the difficulties of performing service on the upper AC unit, namely nowhere for the technician to stand at the level of the unit. WBro Allan Bonner Jr. volunteered to install a suitable catwalk around the upper unit. Plans were discussed to have Progress Energy fix the area light in our parking lot. Additionally, the entire parking area would need to be graded smooth again.

WBro David Jensen had been moved to the Hospice Unit at Rex Hospital. His health was failing fast. Bro Bill Tulloss was also gravely ill and he was not expected to recover.

On July 25th, we learned that WBro David A. Jensen had passed away on July 20th. He was honored with a Military Honor Guard and Masonic Funeral Service.

At the Stated on August 8th, the WM announced the appointment of WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. to fill the unexpired trustee term of WBro David Jensen until our next annual election.

On August 22nd, WBro Ron Hollamon described the work schedule planned by his son Josh to complete the painting downstairs with the help of his Troop members. The work should be completed in time for our next BBQ Chicken Fund Raiser schedule for October 6th to benefit MESH. A Lodge Blood Drive was scheduled for October 7th.

At the Stated on September 12th, we were informed that WBro N. A. "Dock" Dunn, an Honorary Member of our Lodge and several others, had died on September 7th. He was given a Masonic Funeral Service.

At the 1st Stated on October 10th, the WM reported that the recent Fund Raiser for MESH was a great success. We would have a final tally by our next meeting.

WBro Jim Lassiter reported that his father WBro Tommy Lassiter, our 19th Master, had recently had a serious health issue and was recovering very slowly.

On October 24th, the WM granted the request for Demit from Bro Heber Cecil Eason Jr. who had Affiliated with Millbrook #97 effective October 3rd. We learned that a recent trip on top of the Lodge to remove leaves and pine straw had revealed some serious damage to our roof. Repairs would be planned for the near future.

We were treated to an excellent meal by the OES Chapter at the Stated on November 14th. We closed the Lodge early to go downstairs and enjoy a Past Master's Night with banquet. 50 Year Service Awards were presented to WBro Claiborn Burnette and WBro Stanley Barefoot.

We learned that WBro Mark Thompson was being mobilized back to Active Duty in the Army for 18 months. He is scheduled to report to the Mobilization Station by November 22nd. Current orders will send him to an overseas assignment.

During the meeting, the WM granted a request for an Absolute Demit from Bro William A. Fader. The Lodge voted to remit the 2007 dues for all 10 of our 50 Year members.

On November 28th WBro Jim Lassiter reported that our Master Mike Turner had been hit with a serious ailment and was in the hospital. Plans were for corrective surgery in early January. We discussed a gift for our widows. Poinsettias had become rather expensive. A motion passed to distribute a Christmas fruit basket this year.

At the 1st Stated on December 12th, the WM granted a request to Demit from Bro John Ellis Taylor.

Bro Chris Shrum had his 3rd Degree performed by Newport Lodge #144 of the Grand Lodge of Washington. We welcomed our newest Master Mason to the Lodge. The OES Chapter was planning to support the USO this year. We voted to donate \$200 as well to match their donation. The United Service Organization is a great outfit that supports the members of our military, especially when they are traveling, with a place to rest and some good food to eat.

We learned that Bro David Jackson's health had deteriorated and he was now bedridden at his home.

We completed the year with a total membership of 112 Brothers. We had Raised 1 new Brother and Restored 1 for membership. We had 2 Brothers to pass away. We had 3 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 2007

Master WBro James G. Lassiter, SW James R. Haven, JW Jeffery B. Phelps, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 17th year) and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon (his 10th year as Secretary). WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. was elected to complete the term for WBro David A. Jensen thru 2008. WBro Jack Walters was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2009. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD Perry C. Rumble, JD Steven D. Huth, Christopher M. Shrum and R. Allan Ingle as Stewards, Kenneth L. Grumbine as Chaplain, and WBro George B. Starnes as the Tyler.

At our 1st Stated on January 9th, it was reported that Bro Bill Tulloss' health had improved slightly but he was still very ill. Bro Dick Yancey was in poor health with a pulmonary problem.

On January 23rd, we elected Bro Alfred Charles Orcutt to membership by Affiliation. Bro Jeff Phelps described his recent visit to a lodge in New Orleans. He reported that their ritual is based on Scottish Rite traditions.

At the 1st Stated on February 13th, the Grand Secretary informed us that Bro Connie Mack Altman has transferred his membership to William T. Bain Lodge #231 with his Demit effective January 1, 2000. We learned that WBro Mark Thompson's orders had been modified and his duty station would be Fort Lee, VA serving as the Officer in Charge of an Infantry Skills Training Detachment for the Quartermaster School. This is a lot better news than his having to report to duty in Afghanistan.

At the Stated on February 27th Bro Perry Rumble reported that we had estimates for the proposed roof repair project. Some of the cost would be defrayed by funds from our Spring BBQ Chicken Fundraiser. Work should start soon after a few more details are worked out.

On March 27th, we learned that WBro George Starnes had received a quotation for the roof repair project that was less than what we had heard last month. The Lodge voted to go with the quote from WBro Starnes. Work should commence soon.

The Master presented a Graduation Certificate from the Wilkerson Masonic College to Bro Jeff Phelps.

We learned that Joann Spivey, widow of Bro Marvin "Chick" Spivey, had recently passed away.

On April 10th we had an official visit from WBro John Davis, DDGL of the 14th Masonic District, who was received into the Lodge with due honors. He updated us on issues with MESH funding, the planned Spring School of Instruction and the plans for the Fall School of Instruction. He noted that the number of Certified Lectures had declined and proposed that we have more brothers to become certified.

At the Stated on May 8th, the WM updated us on the plans for our Spring BBQ Fundraiser scheduled for next Friday. He also thanked the brothers who had replaced the wiring for the air conditioner last Saturday. He reported an amusing tale of a squirrel being in the attic. The squirrel was strongly encouraged to vacate the attic.

At the 2nd Stated on May 22nd, the WM reported that the BBQ Fundraiser had been a great success with over 500 plates sold.

At the Stated on June 26th, we learned that WBro Don Alderman had been honored at the recent Rainbow Grand Assembly with the Rainbow Grand Cross of Color. Several of our local Rainbow Assembly members were appointed as officers in the Grand Assembly. It was announced that Linda Bonner had been elected as the Associate Grand Conductress.

We learned that Bro Bill Tulloss was doing better and that Bro Robert Truelove had recently gone thru a successful surgery.

On July 10th, Bro Perry Rumble reported that he had been accepted into Wilkerson Masonic College. The Lodge provided some of his admission expenses. The WM reported that we had a number of new photographs with a Masonic theme in our dining room that had been donated by Mary Jensen in memory of her late husband WBro David Jensen Jr.

We elected WBro George McLean Stockstill to a Life Membership at the Stated on August 28th. The WM thanked WBro Allan Bonner Jr. for constructing a suitable catwalk around our upper air conditioner. WBro Bonner reported that both air conditioners had been serviced, and although they were old, both units were still in workable condition. WBro Bill Hudson described the proposed amendments to the Code that would be voted on at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

On October 9th, the WM reported on the recent Awards and Past Master's banquet. WBro George M. Stockstill was presented his Life Membership at the banquet. WBro Bill Hudson gave a very interesting Education Program to the Lodge by reading the OSW red work for the First Section of the Master Masons Degree, with the assistance of WBro Jack Walters and WBro Don Alderman.

At the meeting on October 23rd, the Lodge voted to remit the 2008 dues for our 10 members with over 50 Years of Service. They are:

- Stanley O. Barefoot
- Claiborn W. Burnett
- Donald H. Grider
- Leslie E. Hardy
- John C. Held
- Lloyd M Hunter
- J. Ira Ragland
- Herbert N. Robertson
- Waldemar D. Stopkey
- George A. Yancey

In the meeting, WBro Bill Hudson gave an interesting Education Program by reading the OSW red work for the Second Section of the Master Masons Degree with the assistance of WBro Jack Walters and WBro Don Alderman.

At the Stated on November 13th, the WM recognized our military veterans who spoke briefly of their military experiences. We learned that Bro Bill Tulloss was back in the hospital and needed the brother to donate blood for him.

We then proceeded to Raise Bros Robert Donovan Lowery, Dustin Keil Tarditi, and Joseph Edward Teague Jr. to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

On November 27th, we learned that Bro Bill Tulloss was not doing well and could use of visitation. It was reported that Ruth Iraggi, widow of Bro Jim Iraggi, had recently passed away. The Lodge voted not to have a Stated Communication on December 25th this year.

At the meeting on December 11th, the WM reported that Bro Patrick Lookabaugh was being coached on the 2nd Degree by a Lodge in California with plans to conduct his Fellow Craft Degree soon. Bro Edward A. Preble formally requests an Absolute Demit that was granted by the WM. The fruit baskets would arrive next Saturday and the WM solicited brothers to complete the distribution to our widows.

It was reported that Bro Bill Tulloss was back in the hospital.


We completed the year with a total membership of 116 Brothers. We had Raised 3 new Brothers, had 2 to Affiliate and Restored 1 for membership. We had 2 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 2008

Master James R. Haven, SW Jeffery B. Phelps, JW Perry C. Rumble, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 18th year) and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon (his 11th year). WBro George M. Stockstill was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2010. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD Michael J. Spencer, JD Brian P. Allison. Dustin K. Tarditi and Joseph E. Teague Jr. as Stewards, WBro John C. Held as Chaplain and WBro Stanley O. Barefoot as the Tyler.

On January 4th, we held an Emergent Communication for the purpose of conducting a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro William Coakley Tulloss who had died on January 2nd. Bro Tulloss was a charter member and Past Patron of the James B. Green Chapter #352, Order of the Eastern Star. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Raleigh and was a charter member of the Amran Shriners.


At the meeting on January 22nd, it was reported that Bros Dustin Tarditi and Jeff Phelps donated a toolbox with an assortment of useful tools to the Lodge. Bro Tarditi also volunteered to edit the Lodge Newsletter and maintain the Lodge Website.



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Instituted: October 11, 1965

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Meetings:	
Dinner:	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Stated Communications:	Second & Fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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-Dustin Tarditi, Webmaster

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At the 1st Stated on February 12th, the WM recognized visiting brothers WBro Bob Barron, DDGM of the 14th Masonic District, WBro Bill Brindel DDGL. We received them into the Lodge with due honors. WBro Barron had some brief remarks regarding the IRS filing of our Grand Lodge, the Chaffey Scholarship and announced that recognition of other Grand Lodge would be in the Jurisprudence portion of the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. WBro Bill spoke of the planned School of Instruction.

WBro Bill Hudson made a motion that we co-sponsor the resolution at the Grand Lodge to recognize the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina. The Lodge voted to support the resolution.

On February 28th we held an Emergent Communication for the purposed of receiving the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina in the Lodge and the conduct of a District Meeting. The following District Deputies were received and given private Grand Honors: Bill Brendle, DDGL 14th MD, Scott Cook, DDGL 15th MD, David Wicker, DDGL 19th MD, Bob Barron, DDGM 14th MD, Jim Stevens, DDGM 15th MD, Dick Lyons, DDGM 19th MD.

The MW David Cash, GM of Masons in NC was received and given private Grand Honors.

Other dignitaries in attendance were D.R. Cash, Grand Tyler, Henry Brantley, Grand Lecturer, Michael Brantley, Grand Historian, Lewis Ledford Jr., Grand Warden and A.C. "Jack" Honeycutt, PGM, the only living PGM who had presided over 2 Annual Communications.

The Gavel was passed to the MW Grand Master who spoke to his plans for the upcoming year. All the DDGMs and DDGLs had brief remarks about their Districts.

MW Cash spoke to the need not to leave masonry at the Altar, but to carry it into our daily lives so that others might be aware of our fraternity and its good deeds. He then closed the Lodge in ample form.

At the meeting on March 25th, the Secretary read a Thank You letter from GM David Cash, in appreciation of our hosting the recent Grand Master's visit. The WM announced that our Spring BBQ Chicken Fundraiser would be held on May 16th.

On April 8th, we were treated to a delicious meal by members of our OES Chapter. The WM announced that the OES would provide approximately half of the meals for the rest of the year as a fundraiser for the Chapter.

At the Stated on May 13th, we proceeded to Raise Bros Francis Wilson Neer, Bryan Clayton Newcomb, and John Ayoub Nesrallah to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in full costume.

At the meeting on May 27th, the Application for Affiliation of Bro Roger Dixon Farmer was read and the Lodge voted to elect him for membership into our Lodge.

Bro Dustin Tarditi, our webmaster, gave an informative presentation about our web site located at www.jamesbgreen735.org.

At the Stated on June 10th WBro introduced a guest speaker, Beverly Sexton, from the Red Cross to speak before the meeting was formally opened. She presented information about planning and conducting a Blood Drive.

This would be Bro Chris Shrum's last meeting with us as his job was moving him to Guernsey, Wyoming at the end of the month. WBro Mark Thompson was back in Lodge after completing his 18-month deployment in the US Army. He gave a brief summary of his military activities during his deployment. He stated it was nice to be home with his family and friends.

WBro Bill Hudson was reported to be in the hospital for a cardiac procedure.

On June 24th, the Lodge received correspondence from WBro Bill Brendle, DDGL, announcing the 14th Masonic District would hold a picnic at Whitestone Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro in

August. He was asking each Lodge in the District to donate at least \$100 for this project. We setup a donation bucket for this enterprise. WBro John Held updated us on the plans for a Washington, DC trip that was tentatively scheduled for the Fall. The WM tasked WBro Bill Hudson, Bro Jeff Phelps, and Bro Joe Teague to communicate to the DeMolay Chapter regarding the requirement for them to communicate with the local High Schools as a community service. The WM wanted to impress upon the Chapter to use this as an opportunity to recruit new members.

WBro Wally Stopkey presented information on the National Sojourners. The WM asked him to conduct a Masonic Education presentation of this topic in the near future.

On July 8th, Bro Dustin Tarditi announced the reenactment of the Masonic funeral procession honoring William K. Polk would be held next Saturday starting at the Capitol and proceeding to Oakwood Cemetery. The Washington DC trip was scheduled for 12-14 October. Bro Jeff Phelps, Bro Dustin Tarditi, and WBro Ron Hollamon presented a one-act play about the Black Cube. It showed how a single member can hold the Lodge hostage by cubing all petitions. This is evidently a serious problem in some Lodges in our state.

At our meeting on July 22nd, the members who had participated in the William K. Polk Masonic funeral reenactment reported on activities at the event. The Lodge voted to give a Life Membership to WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. and WBro William "Bill" Hudson in recognition of their contributions to our Lodge and masonry in general over the years. Bro Jeff Phelps presented a brief presentation about the Study of Freemasonry that was commissioned by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1992. It was a very illuminating discussion.

On August 26th, we received a communication from the Grand Secretary that Bro Ronald Norman Sandritter had Affiliated with Asheboro Lodge #699 with an effective date of July 17th. The Master received a Fire Safety Inspection Report from the City of Raleigh Fire Department. The report listed a number of minor deficiencies that must be corrected with the next 20 days. The Trustees were given the task of coordinating these corrections

We learned that Bro Lloyd Hunter was in the hospital at this time.

At the meeting on September 9th, we proceed to Raise Bros Chad Richard Fitzpatrick and Robert Gene Sheppard Jr. to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason with the ceremony performed in full costume.

At the 2nd State on September 23rd, WBro Jack Walters reported that all issues identified by the Raleigh Fire Marshal had been corrected.

Bro Jeff Phelps reported on the activities and voting at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Recognition of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina was approved. He reported that there were currently 47,137 Masons in North Carolina.

At our Stated Communication of October 14th WBro Bob Barron, DDGM 14th Masonic District, and WBro Bill Brendle, DDGL 14th District, were conducted to the East for their official visit. They each made a few suitable remarks to the Lodge.

Bro Dustin Tarditi reported on the Lodge's recent trip to Washington, DC. They attended several tours in the area and a Lodge meeting. Their Master presented a token from their Lodge to WBro John Held, for his

outstanding work in coordinating this trip. The WM reported that the recent OES Yard Sale netted almost \$1000 to be earmarked for future Lodge heater and air conditioner replacement.

The Past Master's banquet was a great success. A 60 Year Veterans Award was presented to Bro Ike Ragland. Life Membership Certificates were presented to WBro Allan Bonner Jr. and WBro Bill Hudson.

At an Emergent Communication on October 21st, we proceed to Raise Bro Christopher Lee Moody to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

At the Stated on October 28th, the WM reported on the death of Bro William Steven Burgess on May 12th, 2008. WBro Michael Brantley Grand Historian and PM of our Lodge presented a very informative talk on the ancient history of the three degrees and Masonry and their origins in the "Middle Ages." The presentation included an ancient degree catechism for an expose published in 1730.

On November 11th, it was reported that Bro David Rhudy Jackson had passed away on November 4th. A Masonic Funeral Service was held for him on November 7th.

The Lodge approved waiving the 2009 dues for our 10 members with over 50 Years of service to the craft and our Lodge in particular.

With this being Veterans Day, WBro Mark Thompson recognized the 11 veterans in attendance that evening. Each was invited to give brief remarks about the military experiences.

At the 1st Stated on December 9th, the WM reported on the successful Blood Drive that had been held last Sunday. Bro Perry Rumble stated that the poinsettias for our widows were downstairs and solicited members to make the deliveries.

It was reported that Bro Christopher Michael Shrum was transferring his membership to Newport Lodge, #144, F. &A.M. of Newport, Washington. The WM ordered that his Demit be approved. We then proceed to hold our election of officers for 2009.

Our last meeting of the year was on December 23rd. The WM reported that the recent blood drive had collected 22 useable units with 15 from first time donors.

We completed the year with a total membership of 120 Brothers. We had Raised 8 new Brothers and had 1 to Affiliate. We had 3 Brothers to pass away. We had 2 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 2009

Master Jeffery B. Phelps, SW Perry C. Rumble, JW Michael J. Spencer, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 19th year) and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon (his 12th year). WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2011. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD Dustin K. Tarditi, JD Joseph E. Teague Jr. Donald R. Steichen and Roger D. Farmer as Stewards, Robert G. Sheppard Jr. as Chaplain, and WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. as the Tyler.

We held an Emergent Communication on January 3rd to install our 2009 officers.

At the Stated on January 27th, the WM solicited stories for the Lodge Newsletter. Bro Dustin Tarditi has volunteered to act as the focal point to assemble the articles and produce the Newsletter. WBro Bill Hudson started a discussion on how we could use e-mail to deliver the Newsletter to some of our brothers to save postage. The WM asked that the Secretary assemble a list of the brothers who had given their e-mail address to the Lodge.

On February 10th, we had a "chili cook-off" with a good selection of chili prepared by the brothers. Bro Dustin Tarditi had coordinated the event. Bro Robin Sheppard's chili was voted the favorite of the evening.

The WM recognized WBro John Held and presented his 60 Year Service Award for the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

We received WBro Bill Brendle, DDGL, and WBro Bob Barron, DDGM, into the Lodge and gave them their due honors. WBro Barron, DDGM, related that the Grand Master's focus this year would be on fundraising for our Masonic charities. WBro Brendle, DDGL, announced the date and place for this year's School of Instruction. We have to participate in a 5-hour lecture service this year.

At the Emergent Communication on February 13th, we proceed to Raise Bros Raymond Charles Daniels and Terry Scott Sholar to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The Degree Team was in full costume and did a great job with the ceremony.

On February 24th, we learned that Bro C. Roger Morgan, our Secretary Emeritus, had suffered a cardiac event 2 weeks ago, but was now recovering at home.

The WM asked WBro Jack Walters to lead our required 5-hour lecture service. WBro Walters discussed the guidelines for this service, which we must complete prior to September 15th. We are required to have 7 present, 5 officers, and 2 members.

The WM announced our Spring BBQ fundraiser would be held on April 24th. WBro Jim Lassiter was asked to put together a proposal for the cost of a new funeral kit for the Lodge.

The WM presented information on Edinburg Lodge #1 in Edinburg, Scotland, which has recorded minutes of their communication dating back to 1599.

Bro Dustin Tarditi reminded us of the "High Twelve" lunch group that meets every Friday for fellowship. Bro Tarditi requested an e-mail address from those members who wanted to be on the e-mail notification list. Bro Tarditi reported that he had been accepted to Wilkerson Masonic College with the help of a \$200 scholarship from the Scottish Rite.

At our meeting on March 10th, the WM informed that our Lodge had performed a courtesy Masonic Memorial Service on March 5th for Bro Robert Williams, the grandfather-in-law of Bro Ken Thompson. WBro Don Bennett presided at the service.

WBro Jim Lassiter presented his proposal to update our Funeral Kit. All the items and paraphernalia would cost about \$600. We collected \$280 that night toward the funds needed for the kit. A new kit would enable us to make a favorable impression on the public.

Bro Perry Rumble reported that the materials need to repair the shelter over our BBQ pit and cookout area had been obtained. A workday was scheduled for March 28th to complete the roof repair and do a general cleanup of the Lodge.

Bro Dustin Tarditi gave a report on the first weekend of Wilkerson College.

On March 24th, WBro Jim Lassiter reported on the progress of compiling the new funeral kit. Bro Jim Haven and others reported on a recent visit to a Prince Hall Lodge 3rd Degree, and described the similarities and differences between their degree work and ours. We elected Bro Thaddeus Peter Vannice to membership by Affiliation.

At the 1st Stated on April 14th, the WM reported that we had completed our biannual mandatory 5-hours of lecture service. We had 13 brothers in attendance.

On April 28th, the Master reported that our Spring fundraiser had been a great success. The funds are to be applied toward replacing both our AC units, which were installed in 1985. The Lodge voted to let the Trustees select a vendor and get the work completed.

Bro Jim Haven described a planned blood drive with Millbrook Lodge to be held on July 18th.

At the meeting on May 12th, the WM informed us that we had sold over 500 plates and raised \$1000 for the Lodge at our recent Spring fundraiser. The OES Chapter had donated \$1010 to help pay for a new upstairs HVA unit.

At a Stated Communication on June 23rd, it was announced that Bro Herbert Norris Robertson, one of our 50 Year members, had died on June 11th. We learned that EA Bro Wade Vandiford had undergone a major transplant operation a couple of weeks ago and was recovering at home.

WBro Jim Lassiter solicited help in cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the Rainbow Grand Assembly next weekend. We collected \$123 to assist with some of the expenses for girls in our Assembly.

WBro Mark Thompson related how lightning had recently struck the NC State Memorial Bell Tower. The impact was so severe that it moved one of the 1500-pound capstones and dislodged several large stones.

On July 14th, the WM presented a 25 Year Service Award to WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. The WM thanked WBro Bonner for his many years of faithful service to our Lodge and masonry in general. WBro Jim Haven reminded of the Blood Drive to be held at our Lodge next Saturday. The goal was to have 20 units donated.

At the Stated on July 28th WBro Bob Downen reported that the Shriners would keep all 22 Shriners Hospitals open. Some facilities are expected to change their operating model and others to become outpatient only. WBro Jim Haven reported that we had obtained 12 usable units at the Blood Drive, considerably less than the goal of 20 usable units. The Red Cross is asking that we get commitments for 50 people before they will have another blood drive at our Lodge.

At the meeting on August 11th, we were treated to a fine dinner by our Wilkerson College graduates. The WM presented a 60 Year Diamond Jubilee Veterans Award to WBro John Held.

It was announced that Bro Ray DeBerry had died on July 25th.

WBro Mark Thompson reported that he had retired from the US Army on August 5th after 39 years 8 months of contentious service.

WBro Michael Brantley, Grand Historian, presented an informative Masonic Education program on the Statue of Liberty.

At the 1st Stated on September 8th, we proceeded to Raise Bro Wade Alexander Vandiford of our Lodge and Bro Mitchell Thomas Pruitt of Rolesville Lodge #683 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The Degree was performed in full costume with the assistance of brothers from Rolesville Lodge #638.

Bro Robin Austin Dedrick was escorted west of the Altar, and the Master presented him with a 25 Year Service Award.

On September 22nd, the Master reminded us of the upcoming BBQ chicken fundraiser to be held on October 2nd.

Bros Dustin Tarditi, Scott Sholar, and Mike Spencer presented a short play about the religious tolerance from the Masonic playbill. Bro Dustin Tarditi read an excerpt for the new Dan Brown novel, The Lost Symbol. WBro Allan Bonner related some interesting stories about the OES Grand Chapter Building in Washington, DC.

At the Stated on October 13th, the WM related that the Fall fundraiser for our charities had been a great success with our having sold just over 425 plates.

Bro Jim Caprell is now in hospice with a terminal disease, but taking visitations.

WBro Bob Downen had recently been honored with the 33rd Degree in the Scottish Rite.

At the 2nd Stated on October 27th, we learned that Bro James Dalphus Caprell had died on October 21st. We performed a Masonic Memorial Service for him at the request of the family.

The Grand Lodge Secretary informed us that Bro Tony Durand Matthews had Affiliated with Mingo Lodge #206 of Dun NC. His Demit was effective September 7th.

The Lodge voted to remit the 2010 dues of our 50 Year members: Stanley O. Barefoot, Claiborn W. Burnett, Donald H. Grider, Leslie E. Hardy, John C. Held, Lloyd M. Hunter Jr., Ira Ragland, Waldemar D. Stopkey, and George A. Yancey.

It was announced that WBro Bill Hudson had been appointed as the DDGL of the 6th Masonic District that encompasses Pitt and Greene counties down East.

At our meeting on November 10th, the Lodge voted for dual membership by Affiliation (with Rolesville #638) for Bro Mitchell Thomas Pruitt. The WM recognized Most Worshipful Grant Burnie, PGM of the Grand Lodge of Washington, DC.

A collection of \$143 was taken up to assist NC State to help refurbish the NCSU Memorial Bell Tower.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. and WBro Jack Walters recently attended the Eastern Star International General Chapter meeting in Tulsa, OK. WBro Walters was appointed to the General Grand Chapter committee.

At the 2nd Stated on November 24th, the Master reported that Bro James Ira Ragland had passed away on November 17th. The family did not request a Memorial Service. Bro Ragland had been awarded both his 50 Year and 60 Year Diamond Jubilee Service Awards.

At our meeting on December 8th, the Master decided that we should send Christmas cards to our widows, inviting them to a Ladies Tea in January. He also reported that Edna Cartwright, the widow of Bro John Cartwright, had died recently.

At our last Stated of the year on December 22nd, WBro Jack Walters reported that the lower heating unit was beyond repair. He had obtained 3 quotes and recommended we replace the unit. The Lodge voted to approve \$4681 for the work.

We completed the year with a total membership of 119 Brothers. We had Raised 3 new Brothers, had 2 to Affiliate and Restored 2 for membership. We had 4 Brothers to pass away. We Excluded 2 Brothers for non-payment of dues and had 2 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 2010

Master Perry C. Rumble, SW Michael J. Spencer, JW Dustin K. Tarditi, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 20th year) and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon (his 13th year). WBro Jack L. Walters was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2012. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD Joseph E. Teague Jr. JD Donald R. Steichen, Roger D. Farmer and Terry S. Sholar as Stewards, Robert G. Sheppard Jr. as Chaplain, and Christopher L. Moody as the Tyler.

At our 1st Stated on January 12th, the WM discussed his goals for the upcoming year. Some key points were getting finances under control, fundraisers for charities, publishing 6 newsletters, visiting other lodges, improving our ritual work and developing a plan for needed repairs to our Lodge. Additionally, he has several education programs scheduled.

On January 26th, Bro Mike Spencer reported that the Ladies Tea was a great success with about 30 people in attendance.

WBro Jack Walters reported that one of our new heating units had some minor issues after a City inspection. Those issues were resolved.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr., submitted a proposal to replace our outside storage building. The OES Chapter would also like to have room in the new storage building. The cost was estimated to be around \$650. The WM tabled the issue.

At the meeting on February 9th WBro Bill Brendle, DDGL, and WBro Bob Barron, DDGM, were received into the Lodge with proper ceremonies and honors. WBro Barron announced the GM would visit our District on March 24th and encouraged us to attend and hear the GMs programs in person. WBro Brendle discussed the planned School of Instruction scheduled for April 29th at Raleigh 500. He also noted that our Grand Master was a Certified Lecturer.

WBro Michael Brantley, Grand Historian, presented an excellent education program on the building of King Solomon's temple.

On March 9th, the WM discussed plans for our Spring BBQ Chicken Fundraiser that is scheduled for April 9th. He asked for help from the brothers to make it a success. The Master had WBro Morty Jayson escorted to the East. WBro Jayson gave a presentation about "Why Wilkerson College?" He was one of the 16 members in the 1st graduating class. The students take tours of our charity facilities and the Grand Lodge offices. The Students are taught skills to make their year as Master successful.

At the 2nd Stated on March 23rd, we learned that Raleigh Assembly #4, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls had planted a pink dogwood tree beside our side entrance, in memory of Katherine Ferguson, former Rainbow Supreme Inspector of North Carolina.

At the Stated on April 13th, the WM reported that the Spring Fundraiser had been very successful. We sold over 500 plates. He thanked the brothers who helped with the sales, preparation, cooking and serving the meals. We later learned that sales netted a profit of \$2,521 to be applied to our Air Conditioner replacement fund.

We then proceeded to Raise Bros Charles Dodson Graham and Terry Lee Washam to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in full costume.

At the 2nd Stated on April 27th Bro Dustin Tarditi and WBro Jim Lassiter had published our recent newsletter using e-mail and regular mail for distribution.

Bro Don Steichen announced that the annual "Pig Jig" was scheduled for May 22nd. The WM will call WBro Jerry Rose of Rolesville Lodge #638 to check the potential for James B. Green and Rolesville working together on an entry. Our JW Bro Dustin Tarditi presented a Masonic education on the "Masonic Working Tools: Internet and Social Networking". Bro Tarditi has setup and maintained our Lodge Web Site this year. He is looking for photos and other items of interest to post there.

We learned that Bro Ray Daniels and his wife had a baby boy last week, named Parker.

On May 11th, Bro Dustin Tarditi reported that he and his wife had a baby boy last week, named Gavin. Bro Joe Teague reported that his mother passed away recently.

WBro Don Alderman and WBro John Held reported on the recent School of Instruction. We had 10 members in attendance.

WBro Mark Thompson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, gave an informative presentation about the process we use to develop the Lodge's Annual Budget. The process has evolved over the years to better suit the Lodge's needs.

At the Stated on May 25th, we voted to approve an Application for Affiliation of WBro Grover Ray Lackey.

Bro Scott Sholar reported on the recent Pig Jig. About 3500-4000 people attended the event, which is a fundraiser for our charities. Our sister Lodge, Rolesville #638, placed as 3rd Runner Up in the pork BBQ completion.

At our meeting on June 22nd, the WM reported we had over 50 brothers and family in attendance at our 1st Ice Cream Social of the year.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. provided the results of an investigation of renting our Facility, including pros and cons. His analysis included rental fees for comparable facilities, fire code limitations, control of our storage spaces, insurance coverage needed, a contract, which the renter must sign, and the types of activities allowed.

On August 24th, WBro Mark Thompson presented an analysis of the Lodge's fiscal health over the last 10 year.

The Lodge voted on the proposal to change our Bylaws to change our dues. The original motion for \$150 did not pass. The amendment to change to \$130 passed.

At the 1st Stated on September 14th, the Secretary reported that the Grand Lodge Committee on Bylaws had approved our Bylaws change to raise our annual dues to \$130. The WM mentioned that the OES had donated a new clock for the Lodge room. The Master reminded us of the planned Fall Fundraiser scheduled for October 8th and reminded us of the manpower commitment needed for a successful project.

WBro Jack Walters announced that a brother bequeathed \$500,000 each to MESH and MHCO.

At the 2nd Stated on September 28th we Raised 4 Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The candidates were Bros Brian Randall Sawyer and Timothy Curtis Stoker of Rolesville Lodge #638, Bros Michael Allen Thompson, and Christian Michael Lilly from our Lodge.

WBro Mark Thompson presided in the East and Raised his son Michael. The Degree team conducted the ceremony in full costume. WBro Thompson thanked WBros Grover Lackey and Allan Bonner Jr. for coaching him for the degree. Bro Lilly was raised by Bro Matt Robbins. Bros Sawyer and Stoker from Rolesville Lodge were raised by WBro Gordon Price. It was a long evening but enjoyed by all who attended. Several of our Prince Hall Brothers who attended invited us to attend a planned 3rd Degree at Excelsior Lodge #21, PHA in Durham.

On October 12th, the Master and Wardens reported on the activities and amendments at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. The WM gave a short report on our recent Chicken BBQ Fundraiser, but the financials are not completed yet.

It was reported that WBro Grover Lackey had been presented a Life Membership in Statesville Lodge #27.

At the Stated on October 26th, the Master reported on the recent Awards Banquet that had about 34 in attendance. Bro Roger Morgan was presented his 60-Year Diamond Jubilee Award.

The Lodge voted to remit the 2011 dues for our 8 of our Brothers with 50-Years of membership in the fraternity.

Bro Chic Rosselli reported that he had attended the PHA 3rd Degree ceremony in Durham where they Raised 23 candidates on a Saturday. The WM presented an Endowed Membership certificate to Bro Chic Rosselli.

During the meeting on November 9th a proposed Amendment to Article 9, Section 1 of our Bylaws to raise our Initiation fees from \$75 to \$200 was brought to a vote and passed. This put the fee in line with the actual cost to the Lodge to provide necessary items for a new brother.

WBro Rick Carter, Assistant to the Grand Secretary, presented a Masonic education of "Why the Grand Lodge."

At the Stated on November 23rd, the Master solicited additional donations for our Rainbow Assembly. We had fundraised over \$150 so far for that worthy organization.

WBro Michael Brantley, Grand Historian, presented an excellent Masonic education on unique Masonic words, phrases and terms and their meanings. He explained the scripture in the Master Mason's Degree from Ecclesiastes Chapter 12 and its references. It was a very interesting presentation.

On December 9th, the Secretary read a correspondence from Grand Lodge informing us there was a new form for the petition of degrees. The GL would now perform a background investigation on all new partitions. The Secretary presented an Endowed Membership certificate to WBro Perry Rumble. We then proceed to hold elections for our officers to serve in 2011.

We completed the year with a total membership of 126 Brothers. We had Raised 4 new Brothers, had 1 to Affiliate and Restored 3 for membership. We Excluded 1 Brother for non-payment of dues.

The Year of 2011

Master Michael J. Spencer, SW Dustin K. Tarditi, JW Joseph E. Teague Jr., Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 21st year) and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon (his 14th year). WBro George Stockstill was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2013. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD Donald R. Steichen, JD Roger D. Farmer, Terry Scott. Sholar and Chris Moody as Stewards, Angelo T. "Chic" Rosselli as Chaplain, WBro Jeffery B. Phelps as the Tyler.

We held an Emergent Communication on January 8th to install our 2011 officers

We could not hold a Stated Communication of January 11th due to very icy road conditions.

At the 2nd Stated on January 25th, WBro Craig Horton invited us to assist with a 3rd Degree at Rolesville Lodge #683 at their 1st Stated in February. WM reminded us we would have our Annual Chili Cook-off prior to our 1st Stated in February. Bro D. Brett Beam was vote to membership under the Continuous Membership Plan.

We took up a collection of \$188 to help defray some of Bro Don Steichen's Wilkerson College expenses. The Lodge will round the amount up to \$200.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. informed the Lodge that our storage building had deteriorated over the years. The cost to replace the building would be about \$628.

At the Stated on February 8th, we had a number of pots of chili to evaluate. WBro Jeff Phelps was declared this year's winner. The Master had Bro Michael Thompson escorted West of the Alter and presented

him with his Endowed Membership Certificate. WBro Jack Walters reported on some of the recent renovations at WhiteStone MESH. They are about to construct 46 additional apartments, 74% of which are already presold.

At the meeting on February 22nd, the Grand Assembly of Rainbow of NC expressed appreciation for the Lodge having hosted to Sunday picnic at the Grand Assembly in previous years. They requested that the Lodge continue this tradition for the 2011 Grand Assembly in June. The Grand Assembly also requested to use the Lodge hall for a sleepover planned for December. The WM gave his agreement and consent for these activities. Bro Don Steichen reported that Wilkerson College would begin the next weekend; he thanked the Lodge for our support.

On April 26th, the WM thanked all who came out and assisted with our Spring BBQ Chicken fundraiser. It was said to have been very successful and raised \$2262 and would be applied to our Building Repair Fund. We elected Bro David Beardsley Slater to membership under the Plural Membership program.

During the Stated on May 10th WBro Mike Cashion, DDGM of the 14th MD and WBro Steve Meserve, DDGL of the 14th MD were official received into the Lodge and given grand honors.

WBro Steve Meserve announced that the school of instruction is scheduled for Thursday evening June 30. WBro Mike Cashion described the Grand Master's COP (Confidence, Organization, and Passion) program. He praised our lodge for having 4 Certified Lecturers in this lodge while there are only 11 CLs in the entire 14th district. He encouraged us to visit and support our homes in Greensboro and Oxford.

At the Stated on July 12th, the WM thanked the brothers who had assisted with the Grand Assembly of Rainbow's cookout; it was deemed a great success.

We proceeded to Raise the following candidates to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

- Kristopher Elliott Benson James B. Green #735
- Matthew Trey Korff James B. Green #735
- John Warrener Brown III Rolesville #683 as a courtesy for Vandora #745
- Charles McDowell J.J. Crowder #735
- Philip Nathan Buttgen Vandora #745

The degree team presented the degree in full costume. It was a long night. Most Worshipful Grand Master Lewis Ledford of NC greeted our new brothers.

At the meeting on August 9th WBro Ron Hollamon our Secretary was over at Rex Hospital with his wife who had broken her arms. Bro Keith Bugner filled in and did an excellent job.

The WM welcomed back WBro Bob Downen and offered condolences and support of the Lodge. The WM reported that WBro Bill Hudson is still having both good and bad days. WBro Jack Walters reported on the progress of his wife Sue with her recovery.

The Master thanked Bros Joe Teague and Todd Brozell for putting together a very successful ice cream social.

Bro Michael Thompson offered to donate an 8'x12' shed from his house to replace the deteriorating current Lodge shed. His shed need a few repairs but it was otherwise ready to be transported to the Lodge. Without exception, the Lodge accepted Bro Michael's offer and Bro Don Steichen would coordinate the project.

On September 13th, the WM reported that one of our former members, Bro Ed Ward had died this past Sunday. Bro Ward had transferred his membership to Phoenix Lodge #8 in Fayetteville NC in 2005.

It was reported that WBro Bill Hudson was still not doing well and could use a friendly visit or phone call from the brothers. We learned that WBro Spencer's mother had fallen again and broke her other hip. The recent hurricane had flooded her hometown and caused a real delay in getting her surgery for repair to be scheduled.

The WM reviewed the proposed amendments to the Code to be present in the upcoming Grand Lodge Annual Communication. WBro Rex Girton, PM our 9th Master was present and related some funny stories about the building of our Lodge.

At the meeting on September 27th Bro Scott Sholar reported on the recent birth of a daughter. Mother and child are doing well, sleepless nights soon to follow. Bro Dustin Tarditi provided a thorough report on the recent Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

At the request of Bro Matthew Korff, the Lodge agreed to let the Kappa Alpha fraternity to use the Lodge for a meeting, under two conditions: no alcohol and must leave the Lodge facilities clean. A donation for our charities would serve as payment.

On October 11th, we celebrated our 46th Anniversary of our Institution as a Lodge with all the Chairs being filled by Past Masters of our Lodge. It was a real interesting meeting, but the degree work was very good by all the "old has beens."

The WM asked that we support WBro Mike Turner and his wife at the recent loss of their son. On the bright side, WBro Bill Hudson is doing much better.

At the 2nd Stated on October 25th, we learned that Bro Roger Farmer's brother had recently passed away. WBro Jeff Phelps' nephew had recently passed away. We were asked to remember and support our brothers in times of grief.

At our meeting on November 8th, we learned that WBro Tommy Lassiter moved back to Wilmington but had a cardiac event and was in the Carteret County hospital.

The replacement shed donated by Bro Michael Thompson would be ready for transport in the next week or so. WBro Jack Walters mentioned that our folding tables downstairs were in pretty bad shape. He mentioned that several brothers had offered to pay for new tables. We need about 12 tables at this time.

The Lodge voted to remit the 2012 Dues for our 50 Year Members: Stanley Barefoot, Roscoe Brown, Claiborn Burnette, Donald Grider, Leslie Hardy, John Held, Lloyd Hunter, Waldemar Stopkey, and George Yancey.

On November 22nd, it was reported that our recent Past Master's banquet went very smoothly, mainly due to the efforts of Shelia Lassiter and Eunice Tulloss.

WBro Tommy Lassiter was still recovering from his recent illness. WBro Bill Hudson was also recovering from his recent illness. This was good news for a change.

At our 1st Stated Communication on December 13th, we proceed to elect our officers for 2012. WBro Tommy Lassiter was still recovering and had moved in with WBro Jimmy Lassiter his son. WBro Stanley was feeling better and attended the meeting that evening. Bro Bob Benfield and his wife Wilmoth had been in a serious auto accident and would need a lot of time to recover from their injuries.

It was announced that WBro Jack Walters had been elected the Master for 2012 in Rolesville #683, but would continue to serve our Lodge as Treasurer. WBro Mike Spencer was elected as their Junior Warden.

At our last meeting of 2011 on December 27th, WBro Jack Walters reported that we had plans to purchase 12 new plastic tables for downstairs with members volunteering to donate the needed funds.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. had obtained several quoted for moving the shed that Bro Michael Thompson had donated to the Lodge. The Lodge voted to authorize WBro Bonner to get the move accomplished.

We completed the year with a total membership of 125 Brothers. We had Raised 2 new Brothers and had 2 to Affiliate. We Excluded 5 Brothers for non-payment of dues.

The Year of 2012

Master Dustin K. Tarditi, SW Joseph E. Teague Jr., JW Donald R. Steichen, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 22nd year) and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon (his 15th year). WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2014. The Master appointed the following officers to serve: SD Roger D. Farmer, JD Terry S. "Scott" Sholar, Christopher L. Moody and Michael A. Thompson as Stewards, Angelo T. "Chic" Rosselli as Chaplain, and WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. as the Tyler.

We had an Emergent Communication on January 7th for the installation of our officers for 2012. The Installing Officer was none other than Most Worshipful Brother Lewis R. Ledford our Past Grand Master. It was a special event for everyone.

At the meeting on January 10th, we enjoyed a great meal prepared by WBro Jimmy Lassiter, Shelia Lassiter, and Eunice Tulloss. Deserts were provided by our OES Chapter. The Master outlined his goals and expectations for the coming year. Bro Don Steichen solicited pictures and other memorabilia for the Lodge 50th anniversary celebration.

Bro Roger Morgan was recovering from a recent surgery. WBro Bill Hudson is still having health problem and his wife Debbie recently injured her arm. WBro Tommy Lassiter continues to improve. WBro George B. Starnes is now in a nursing home, but would enjoy getting calls or stop by for a visit. His health is declining fast.

At the 2nd Stated on January 24th, we voted to allow WBro Jack Walters to spend up to \$400 to purchase a new digital projector for the Lodge. WBro Bob Tailor is coordinating the purchase of Lodge Shirts that will cost \$35.

The WM reported that WBro George Bowles Starnes had died since our last SC. We held a memorial service for him on January 17th with WBro Tommy R. Mills of Green Level Lodge #277 officiating. WBro Starnes was our 33rd Master in 1998. He became our first Endowed Member in 1999. He and his wife Barbara were very active in our OES Chapter.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. reported on the status of the shed project. The shed donated by Bro Michael Thompson is 12' by 8". Cost to move it and perform some needed repairs would cost about \$800. Alternatives for building or purchasing a new shed were discussed. After much discussion the Lodge voted to spend approximately \$1250 for the materials and we would build the shed ourselves. Bro Don Steichen will coordinate the project and schedule the workday(s) needed to complete the work.

On February 14th, we officially received WBro Mike Cashion, DDGM and WBro Steve Meserve, DDGL, into our Lodge with prescribed honors.

We had a Chili Cook-off prior to the meeting with a very good selection. We voted for best chili and Miss Emily Russell, a friend of Bro Terry Washam, won. We went from Labor to Refreshment after opening the Lodge to admit Miss Russell and present her with a certificate proclaiming her as a cunning worker in chili preparation.

We had the following guest speakers who gave a presentation for their respective Appendant Body:

- Order of the Eastern Star - Jim Lassiter, Past Patron, OES Chapter 352
- Scottish Rite - Johnny Davis, Venerable Master, Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Raleigh
- York Rite - Ludwik Wodka, Eminent Commander, Raleigh Commandery #4 Knights Templar
- Shrine - Jim Covington Jr., Potentate, Amran Shrine Center

The Lodge was then called from Refreshment back to Labor.

WBro Jack Walters reported that WBro Jim Haven had donated a digital projector to the Lodge. WBro Walters proposed, "adopting" WhiteStone MESH residents: Ray and Dottie Colter, former Raleigh residents. The Lodge approved the proposal.

It was announced that Bro Ernest Stephen Barany had recently died, but the family did not request a Masonic Memorial Service. We learned that a former member, Larry William Holland had died recently.

WBro Mike Cashion, DDGM, passed on information from the GM who wants lodges to keep up attendance at all Grand Lodge meetings and District training events.

At the meeting on February 28th, we proceeded to Raise Bros Baxter Carr Knight (JBG #735) and Geoffrey Shawn Horton (Rolesville #683) to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The Degree Team presented in full costume.

The Master had WBro Wodka, Master of Carry #198, conducted to the East. WBro Wodka told us of about a Civil War soldier and his brother who was a member of Cary Lodge. Their bodies were disinterred on March 17 and would lie in state at the State Capitol building and be reburied in Oakwood Cemetery on April 17th.

WBro Jerry Rose invited us to join Rolesville Lodge for an entry in the Masonic Pig Jig on May 19th.

During the meeting on March 13th, a letter from the Grand Secretary informed us that WBro Jim Haven now has a Plural Affiliated membership with Cary Lodge #198. Bro Steichen announced that the first shed workday would be March 24th.

Bro Ozgur Urey, a visitor from Turkey, gave a Masonic Education presentation about Freemasonry in Turkey. Bro Urey presented several items to the Lodge: a letter for the Master of his Lodge, the proceedings from an International Freemasonic Symposium held in Turkey, a printing of the Turkish Masonic ritual in English and a painting of the symbol of the Grand Lodge of Turkey, which was painted by Bro Urey's father. The painting now hangs in the foyer over the front doors.

At the 2nd Stated on March 27th, we received a letter from the Grand Secretary informing us that Bro Terry Lee Washam now has a Plural Affiliated Membership with Orphans Lodge #761 of Oxford, NC. We also receive a letter informing us that WBro Louis Tommy Lassiter had demitted from St. John's Lodge #1 in Wilmington, NC and was now a singular member of James B. Green.

WBro John Held gave an education presentation about his 60 plus years in Masonry. He described some of the differences he seen in the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia over this period.

At the meeting on April 24th, we learned that Bro Chris Moody had a new baby daughter born on April 5th. Mother and child are doing well. Bro Charles J. Eubanks requested an Absolute Demit that was granted by the Master.

Bro Don Steichen was praised for his challenge to us to attempt selling 500 BBQ Chicken Plates at our Spring Fundraiser. In fact, the fundraiser went so well that we actually sold 525 plates. We earned \$2393 for our Lodge Building Repair Fund.

On May 8th, we voted Bro Todd Thomas Brozell to membership by Affiliation. Bro Don Steichen announced we would have a workday on May 12th to complete construction of the new storage shed.

At our 2nd Stated on May 22nd, we proceeded to Raise Bros James Michael Murphy, Ruben Huberto Mazzoleni, Wesley Garrett Hale, and Bradford Leon Marshburn to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The Master recognized visiting GL Officers: WBro Luigi Ammons, Grand Lecturer and WBro Michael Brantley, Grand Historian.

On June 12th, Bro Don Steichen reported that we had made significant progress at building the new shed. Another workday was scheduled for this coming Saturday, with plans to try to complete the project at that time.

There was quite a bit of discussion about preparing a 50 Year History of our Lodge, as a follow on from our last history that was published at our 25-year mark. Since WBro Mark Thompson was the chief writer of the 25 Year History, he also volunteered to spearhead the 50 Year History.

At the Stated on June 26th, we were informed the Grand Lodge had published a new Masonic Funeral Service. The Master announced that WBro Steve Meserve, our DDGL, had moved to Florida. WBro Jack Walters agreed to serve the remainder of the term of the DDGL.

WBro Ron Hollamon reported on the recent Rainbow Grand Assembly. Our assembly made a very good showing. They were named as the NC Assembly of the Year and they received a Gold Star Efficiency rating. Two of our girls were appointed to be Grand Officers.

On July 10th, it was announced that Bro Robert (Bobby) Earl Oakley had died since our last Communication. We conducted a Masonic Memorial Service for him. WBro Don Bennett presided over the ceremony.

WBro Jack Walters reported that the OES Yard Sale went extremely well. It rose over \$1800.

Bro Terry Was ham presented the National Sojourners "toast to the flag" poem. The Master presented a program from the National Sojourners about building the flag. The National Sojourners is a Masonic appendant body, consisting of military officers and senior enlisted veterans.

The son of Bro James Murphy will be documenting the history of our Lodge as a service project for his school.

During the meeting on July 24th MW Bro Dr. Bill Brunk, PGM of Masons for NC was conducted to the East and given private grand honors. The WM introduced MW Bro Dr. Bill Brunk, who presented the evening's educational presentation on the early days of Freemasonry and the Scottish and York Rites.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. presented the Lodge a \$500 donation from our OES Chapter as part of the proceeds from the recent yard sale.

Bro James Murphy reported on the progress of his son to document the Lodge history. He had received numerous pictures, which he has digitized, and the project is proceeding well.

The Master reported on the recent combined visit to WhiteStone and the ice cream social were a great success.

At our meeting on August 14th, the WM reported that Bro Robert Daylon Truelove Jr. had died on August 5th. He received Military Honors and we provided a Masonic Memorial Service. WBro Don Bennett presided over our ceremony. Bro Robert's wife Lessie had sold the land to our Lodge for our current building many years ago. Bro Truelove was our Chief Cook for many delicious meals over the years.

WBro Dustin Tarditi reported that the Wilkerson College Lodge met in our building recently and gave us a \$50 donation. WBro George Stockstill made a motion that we use the \$50 to buy supplies for MHCO in memory of Bro Robert Truelove, the motion passed. Bro James Murphy reported that his son had completed the digital history project and files would be sent to our Lodge.

At the Stated on August 28th Bro Joe Teague Jr. reported that a squirrel got into our building and did quite a bit of damage to the windows downstairs in its attempt to escape the building. Bro Chris Moody installed a chimney cap to prevent any other animals from entering. It was noticed that our chimney needed some repairs.

Bro Joe Teague reported that we donated about \$1000 of school supplies when we went to MHCO for an ice cream social. The kids really enjoyed themselves.

On September 25th, we learned that Bro Lewis Parker "Crow" Wilson had recently passed away. We held a Masonic Memorial Service for him with WBro Don Bennett presiding.

Bro Don Steichen reported on arrangements to have a road trip to Washington DC on Oct 6th and 7th. It will include a tour of the Scottish Rite House of the Temple and a specially guided tour of the US Capital.

At our meeting on October 9th, we were read a letter from the Grand Secretary for the Transfer of Certificate (Demit) for the Island City Lodge #330 of Wisconsin for Bro Larry Bruce Hayes who had joined our Lodge by Affiliation earlier.

Members reported on the great time we had on the trip to Washington DC and the fine fellowship we enjoyed. WBro Frank Scrivano discussed the Lodge at Table planned by J.J. Crowder #743 on October 18th and invited us to attend.

A special evening guided tour of the original NC State University campus is planned for the evening of October 25th, which will include Masonic history of the campus.

At the 2nd Stated on October 23rd Bro John Timothy Truelove requested an Absolute Demit that was granted by the Worshipful Master.

We learned that WBro Bill Hudson was now at the Tower Rehab Center and his illness was improving. We were saddened to learn of the death of Shirley Jackson, wife of WBro Harvey Jackson.

On November 13th, the WM recognized all of our veterans. Bro Terry Washam and Bro Don Steichen reported on the Grand Lodge 225th anniversary. The Lodge voted to waive the 2nd SC in December due to Christmas, as allowed by our By Laws.

At the Stated on November 27th Bro Joe Teague reported that we had a very successful Past Master's Night. WBro Jack Walters and the other trustees recommended that we move ahead on getting the building drainage fixed. The Lodge authorized the trustees to coordinate the contract for a cost not to exceed \$12,000.

On December 11th, we were informed that the Fall Charity Event had netted \$2622. The proceeds will be distributed to each of our charities. We proceeded to elect our officers for 2013. WBro Allan Bonner Jr. reported that the drainage repair work will take about a week and would begin shortly.

We completed the year with a total membership of 116 Brothers. We had Raised 5 new Brothers and had 2 to Affiliate. We had 6 Brothers to pass away. We Excluded 7 Brothers for non-payment of dues and had 3 Brothers to Demit.

The Year of 2013

Master Joseph E. Teague Jr., SW Donald R. Steichen, JW Roger D. Farmer, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 23rd year), and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon (his 16th year). WBro Jack L. Walters was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2015. The Master appointed the following officers to serve SD Terry S. "Scott" Sholar, JD Michael A. Thompson, Terry L. Washam and James Murphy as Stewards, Charles Graham as Chaplain, and WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. as the Tyler.

At our 1st Stated Communication on January 8th WBro Mike Cashion, DDGM of the 14th Masonic District and WBro Don Butto, DDGL of the 14th MD, were received into our Lodge and afforded appropriate honors. Both made appropriate comments and explained their duties as district officers.

The WM announced that Bro George Allen "Dick" Yancey, one of our Charter Members, had died since our last Communication. A Masonic Memorial Service was performed by Henderson #229.

WBro Jack Walters reported that the water drainage project had been completed. The Master presented each officer with a "Masonic Passport" for them to record their visitations with other Lodges and encouraged them to do so.

At the meeting on January 22nd, the Lodge received a very nice Thank You note for Brother Ran and Sister Dottie Colter, our guests at WhiteStone, for our Christmas Love offering. The WM discussed the Grand Master's upcoming visit to Hiram Lodge #40.

Bro James Murphy's father is scheduled for a serious surgery in a few days. WBro Bill Hudson is home and he is making a slow recovery. We delivered a wheelchair to the home of WBro Sandy O'Quinn, which was greatly appreciated.

During our Stated on February 12th, we had a Chili Cook-off prior to the meeting with members from the 14th and 15th Masonic Districts. Tonight's winner was Bro Joel Looktack of J.J. Crowder Lodge #743. The Master, WBro Dustin Tarditi and Bro Don Steichen reported on the recent Grand Master's visit to our District.

It was announced that WBro Michael Brantley (our 23rd Master) had been awarded the Montfort Medal at a SC of Raleigh 500 for his many years of service to the Craft. Bro Chic Rosselli described the program to send a birthday card to each member this year.



We learned that WBro Clyde Saunders “Sandy” O’Quinn had died since our last Stated Communication. Sue Walther is now in Wake Rehab and slowly recovering from her recent fall on ice back in January.

Bro Chic Rosselli described his plan to send birthday cards to each of the members this year. The goal for the Spring BBQ Fundraiser is 600 plates.

On March 12th, the Master presented a 50 Year Service Award to WBro Jack D. Moore (our 5th Master).

At the Stated on April 9th, Bro Don Steichen reported that our recent Spring Fundraiser had been a success, with us selling over 540 plates. Our net income of \$3,072 would be added to our Lodge Building Fund.

The Master reported that WBro Louie Thomas “Tommy” Lassiter (our 20th Master) had passed away earlier this day. A Masonic Memorial Service is being planned for Friday.

At an Emergent Communication on April 13th, we proceed to Raise Bros Hayden William Bauguess, Kevin Junior Harvey, Justin Morgan Newsome, Matthew David Orr, and Sagar Hiteshkumar Patel to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

On April 23rd, we received a notification from the Grand Secretary that Bro Matthew Trey Korff had Affiliated with Queen City Lodge #602 in Rocky Mount, NC. His Demit was effective December 20th.

The WM reported that we had performed a Masonic Memorial Service for WBro Tommy Lassiter. WBro Don Bennett officiated the ceremony. WBro Allan Bonner Jr. informed the Lodge that he was going to

undergo a very serious surgical procedure next week. He asked for our prayers and support during this process.

At the meeting on May 14th, Bro Don Steichen encouraged the Lodge members to assist with the Pig Jig this weekend at the State Fairgrounds. We will assist Rolesville Lodge #683 in this event. Bro James Murphy announced that his son is organizing a fundraiser for the Masonic Charities. The OES is planning a Yard Sale for June 1st.

At the Stated on May 28th, we were visited by WBro Erick Duncanson of William G. Hill Lodge #218 and Leven St. John Lodge #170 of Scotland. He gave a very informative presentation on the differences in customs between Scotland and North Carolina.

A contingent of brothers from Rolesville #683 brought the awards that we had won with them at the Pig Jig. Together we won 2nd Place for BBQ sauce, 1st Place for BBQ pork and 1st Place overall at the Pig Jig. It was not a bad showing.

At the 1st Stated on June 11th, the Secretary informed us that one of our widows, Dorothy Poythress and passed away recently. We passed an Application for Affiliation from WBro Thomas Van Fahnestock Jr. WBro Fahnestock announced that Dottie Coulter had died the previous Saturday. She was one our adopted residents at WhiteStone.

We made plans to hold a pancake appreciation breakfast for the local police, fire, and emergency workers on June 15th. Bro Matt Robbins reported on the effort to enter information of all Masons in North Carolina since the founding of GLNC in 1787 into a searchable database at the Grand Lodge website.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. was making a slow recovery from his surgery and he was able to take visitors in the hospital at this time.

At the 2nd Stated on June 25th, WBro Jack Walters announced that all the new units at WhiteStone were now rented. The Secretary read an invite from the NC Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation for a gold tournament planned in October.

The Master reported the death of Bro James Cleveland Abrams 3 days prior to our meeting. His funeral is planned for Saturday. Our Lodge will perform a Masonic Memorial Service at the request of his family.

WBro Allan Bonner is continuing to improve but was now scheduled for a series of post op treatments and will be out for several more weeks. WBro Jack Walters' wife Sue was scheduled to go back into the hospital for additional surgery resulting from her fall on the ice back in January.

At the Stated Communication on July 9th prior to opening the Lodge we heard a very informative presentation from Mr. Danny Moody, Historian and Chief of Protocol for the NC Supreme Court, about the first three judges on the NC Supreme Court. They were all Masons. During that time, leaders in all branches of government in NC were Masons. We thanked our guest and proceeded to open the Lodge.

The WM informed us that Bro James Cleveland (J.C.) Abrams, a Charter Member of the Lodge, had passed away in June. The Lodge held a Masonic Memorial Service for him at the request of his family.

We approved an Application for Affiliation from Bro Matthew Craig Robbins under the Continuous Membership Plan.

The Master reported that the recent appreciation breakfast for our First Responders was a great success, thanks in no small part, to the efforts of Bro Dustin Tarditi.

At the 2nd Stated in July WBro Don Butto, DDGL, reminded us that our Lodge was responsible for the 1st Section MM Degree, at the upcoming School of Instruction.

Bro Michael May gave a very informative history lesson about the battle at Gettysburg. This year will mark the 150th anniversary of that battle.

On August 27th, Bro Roger Farmer reported on the removal of a large walnut tree that fell across our fence at the rear of the parking lot. WBros Jimmy Lassiter and Ron Hollamon will spearhead the removal. The OES Chapter has some fence posts that will be used to repair the fence.

WBro Ron Hollamon's wife won the award for best ice cream at the recent ice cream social.

Sue Walters is back in the hospital with a serious infection. WBro Allan Bonner has been discharged for the hospital and continuing to recover at home. WBro Jim Haven had a serious cardiac event, but he is recovering.

At the 1st Stated on September 10th WBro Speed Hallman presented an education program about how to raise the awareness of the public as related to the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. Seminars are to be presented to several local government agencies.

The WM thanked all those who helped with the recent 5-hour School of Instruction. Our high attendance rate won us the Traveling Gavel.



WBros Buck Stockstill and Jim Lassiter announced that a couple of ladies from our Star Chapter had purchased new door locks. Bro Terry Washam installed them.

Bro James Murphy and son are organizing a mud obstacle course fun run as a fundraiser to MHCO in November. WBro Stockstill moved that the Lodge buy an engraved paver brick for WhiteStone's fundraiser. We passed the hat and collected \$250, which fully paid for the brick.

At the meeting on September 24th WBro Don Butto was present to present our Lodge with the Traveling Gavel, engraved with our name. However, a contingent of brothers from Raleigh 500 attended the meeting to capture the Gavel for their Lodge.

WBro Michael Brantley gave a very interesting education program that help explain the meaning of various words in the scripture we use in our 3rd Degree from Ecclesiastes 12, 1-7.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. was in Lodge that evening. He discussed his upcoming surgery and the treatments to follow. WBro George Stockstill provided a humorous story about how his recent cataract surgery went very fast. The story probably took longer to tell than the actual surgery.

The Traveling Gavel was presented to the brothers from Raleigh 500.

On Tuesday October 8th, Bro Baxter Knight presented some history of North Carolina during colonial time and the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Bro Don Steichen praised the Lodge for our efforts during the recent Fall BBQ Chicken fundraiser. We sold over 525 plates and raised \$3000 for our charities.

We learned that WBro Harvey Jackson was in the hospital with a cardiac event.

At our meeting on October 23rd WBro Chuck Rouse, DDGM 15th MD, gave a very informative presentation about DeMolay and how it provides the "seed" for interest in Masonry. He discussed some activities of the Raleigh Chapter.

The Lodge collected \$141 for Oxford from the fun Mud Run.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. had is surgery today and is in Intensive Care. WBro Harvey Jackson is back in ICU. Sue Walters is recovering slowly.

At the 1st Stated on November 12th, WBro Mark Thompson reported that he had mounted the gavel and trowel donated by the wife of WBro George Starnes. It is displayed in our foyer. We voted to approve an Application for Affiliation from Bro Willard Rusk Dunlop, III for membership in our Lodge. Bro Jim Murphy thanked the Lodge for their support of the fun Mud Run.

A proposal for a Life Membership for WBro Jack Walters, in honor of his over 30 years of service as an officer in this Lodge, was brought before the Lodge.

We were informed that WBro Harvey Greene Jackson (our 16th Master) had died since our last Stated Communication. WBro Allan Bonner Jr. is out of the hospital and recovering at his home. He is ready to have visitors or just a phone call.

On November 26th, The Master presented Distinguished Service Awards:

- Perry Rumble for his outstanding meals this year
- Claiborn Burnette assistance in our ritual work
- Chic Rosselli for doing "High Twelve" Lunches and birthday cards
- Michael Brantley for his many years of service to our Lodge and GL

WBro Dwight "Mack" Sigmon, Secretary of the Board of Custodians, gave us a very informative talk entitled "Ritual Words Commonly Used Incorrectly." He gave us a history of the 3 versions of the OSW, first released in 1942, revised in 1966 and 2001. A lively question and answer session followed.

Bro Don Steichen reported on the Past Master's Night, it was a Hawaiian Luau theme. It was reported that Bro James Murphy's son raised \$1016 for MHCO.

WBro Allan Bonner is bouncing back from his surgery. Sue Walters is doing better. WBro Stuart Terry is having some health issues at this time.

During the Stated Communication on December 10th Bro Kenneth Leon Grumbine formally requested an Absolute Demit. The WM granted his request.

Since our next Stated Communication was scheduled for Christmas Eve, the Secretary made a motion to dispense with the meeting according to our By-Laws. The motion failed to pass.

We proceed to elect our officers for the year 2014. We signed Christmas Cards for our widows.

Bro Don Steichen and WBro Joe Teague reported that they had presented a 50 Year Service Award to Bro Jack Van Stabem on behalf of Cherokee Lodge in Georgia.

At our Stated Communication on December 24th, we were unable to open the Lodge due to a lack of quorum. Wonder where the brothers were that insisted we could not cancel this meeting.

We completed the year with a total membership of 120 Brothers. We had Raised 5 new Brothers, had 3 to Affiliate and Restored 1 for membership. We had 4 Brothers to pass away. We had 1 Brother to Demit.

The Year of 2014

Master Donald R. Steichen, SW Roger D. Farmer, JW Terry S. "Scott" Sholar, Treasurer WBro Jack L. Walters (his 24th year) and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon (his 17th year). WBro George M. Stockstill was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2016. The Master appointed the following officers to serve: SD Michael A. Thompson, JD Terry L. Washam, James M. Murphy and Charles D. Graham as Stewards, WBro Thomas V. Fahnestock as Chaplain, and Willard R. Dunlop, III as the Tyler.

At the 1st Stated Communication on January 14th the Master shared his vision and goals for 2014: a fun trip to Philadelphia, fundraiser of a classic car to benefit the NC Masonic Foundation, trips to MHCO in partnership with other local lodges, an info session for local Social Services workers about the programs at MHCO, and a Hero Breakfast for our local First Responders along with his selections for Committees in 2014.

He also proposed a \$5 fine if any member's cell phone rang during lodge. The fine will be doubled if it is a degree. All fines to be donated to our Masonic charities.

WBro Allan Bonner was back in Lodge and gave a schedule to finish the Storage Shed. WBro Ronald Britt was installed as Potentate of Amran Shriners for 2014.

On January 28th, we proceeded to elect WBro Jack L. Walters for a Life Membership in our Lodge. An Honorary Membership was proposed for WBro J. Luigi Ammons of Millbrook Lodge, for all his services to our Lodge. Bro Todd Brozell reported on the activities of the DeMolay Chapter.

At our meeting on February 11th, the WM detailed more on his plan for the District to raffle a classic car for charity. WBro Michael Spencer reported on the recent School of Instruction. James B. Green won the Traveling Gavel. Several brothers from William G. Hill came to the meeting to try to win it away from us. However, it did not work! It was reported that Masters Lodge merged with Millbrook Lodge #97 effective February 1st.

The WM reported that Bro Ray Coulter, a resident that we adopted at WhiteStone, passed away the previous Saturday. We sent a donation to WhiteStone in memory of the Coulters.

At the meeting on February 25th, we elected WBro J. Luigi Ammons to a Life Membership. The WM presented a Life Member Certificate to WBro Jack L. Walters.

Our Lodge will perform a Masonic Memorial Service for Bro Ed Alderman, father of WBro Don Alderman on the following Thursday. Bro Robin Dedrick had a cardiac event and was in the hospital recovering.

On March 25th, we received WBro Larry Hudson, DDGM, and WBro Don Butto, DDGL, into the Lodge and gave them appropriate honors. The both made remarks about the Grand Master's plans for the year. Vacancies were now open for several District Officers.

The Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment. Mr. Don McNeill then presented a talk as Bro Samuel Clemmons, AKA Mark Twain. Mr. McNeill was dressed appropriately and really looked the part. The Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor.

The WM presented WBro J. Luigi Ammons his Life Membership Certificate. The Master presented a calendar of planned events for the next several months.

WBro Jack Walters reported that WhiteStone had formed a LLC. They recently announced 6 new residences were available for admission.

At our meeting on April 8th, Bro Roger Farmer reported that we sold 518 plates at the Spring Fundraiser. We raised \$3073 for our Building Repair Fund.

The Master announced that we would sponsor our own entry to the Pig Jig Fundraiser to be held on May 17th. WBro Jack Walters will be coordinating our participation. Bro Michael Thompson volunteered his father to supply some of the cooking equipment. We discussed creating our Lodge banner for the event. The Master reminded us of the upcoming trip to Philadelphia.

The WM announced that WBro Bob Downen was elected to the position of Oriental Guide in the Amran Shrine. From this position, he is projected for election as Potentate in 2018.

At the Stated on April 22nd WBro Joe Teague reported on the status of the planning for the Pig Jig. WBro Mark Thompson confirmed that he would provide some of the cooking equipment, as volunteered by his son at the previous meeting.

The Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment. Bros Dan Hopping, Albert Hopping, and Dr. Scott Kennedy, members of the Sons of the American Color Guard, gave a presentation in NC Militia costume. They described Masonry during the American Revolution and the differences between the Ancients and the Moderns. They demonstrated components of the uniform and period weapons. They gave a synopsis of several key battles. Many of the patriot officers were Masons. There were so many Masons in the military that every Regiment had their own Lodge. There was a very lively question and answer session. Our guests departed and the Master called the Lodge from Refreshment back to Labor.

Bro Michael Thompson was in the hospital with a serious illness, but somewhat improved. WBro Bill Hudson appears to be in a stable condition at this time.

At our Stated Communication on May 13th, WBro Jack Walters solicited assistance with the Pig Jig planned to this Saturday. The process will take a 24-hour commitment from the Lodge. He divided the work into 5 shifts and asked brothers to sign up for a shift. More hands will be needed during the serving period.

The brothers who went on the trip to Philadelphia related their experiences. Everyone had a good time.

At the request of the Master, 10 brothers brought in Masonic Memorabilia for the evening education program. They related on the purpose and significance of the object each brought. Several humorous and touching stories were told about what the item meant to them personally. The Master reminded us that we would have another "Masonic Show and Tell" at the next meeting.

Our Lodge will prepare a meal for the Rainbow Grand Assembly in June. We passed the hat and collected \$140 to donate to our Rainbow Assembly.

Bro Michael Thompson was back in Lodge and reported that he had survived his recent hospitalization and was slowly improving. In the interim, he had completed Wilkerson College and he was presented a diploma by MWBro Dalton Mayo. Bro Nick Warman's mother had passed away recently.

At the Communication on May 27th the Master reported that we had Raised Bro Bobby Spence along with 2 brothers from Millbrook #97 and Wendell #565 At a joint 3rd Degree performed at Millbrook Lodge.

WBro Jack Walters reported that our Pig Jig entry did not win any award, but was judged to have been very successful. Many satisfied customers. He praised the extraordinary efforts of WBro Mark Thompson who worked over 24-hours straight to get the BBQ prepared and served. We learned a number of lessons that were recorded and discussed. It was mentioned that Rolesville Lodge won another trophy, even without our help. Their cook crew did give some helpful advice to our team.

We had a Masonic memorabilia "show and tell" with a number of brothers bringing in some very interesting items and telling us the stories of their history.

Some good news to report, WBro Perry Rumble is now a Granddad.

On June 10th, the Master reported that we had 7 brothers attend a SC at William G. Hill Lodge and reacquired the Traveling Gavel.

WBro Jack Harmen of William G. Hill Lodge gave a presentation entitled "Glimpses of Early Raleigh History and a Few of its Masonic Connections." It was a very interesting presentation. WBro Harmen reported that their Lodge was celebrating a 150-year anniversary this year.

In honor of the upcoming Flag Day, Bro Terry Washam recited the "Toast to our Flag" poem.

At the 2nd Stated on June 24th, the Master thanked the brothers who worked on getting the soffits installed on our Lodge Storage Shed. He also thanked those who supported the Ice Cream Social last Saturday. We had 8 different flavors and over 40 brothers and friends in attendance.

Last Sunday we hosted the cookout at the Wake County Shrine Club for the NC Rainbow Grand Assembly. It was announced that Tori Shue, a member of our Rainbow Assembly was selected as Grand Associate Advisor.

WBro Dustin Tarditi gave an educational program on the Boy Scouts and connections to Freemasonry.

WBro Jack Walters reported on Bro Tim Stoker, a member of Rolesville Lodge. He has a medical condition and has been out of work for over 2 years. His wife is now having medical problems. We collected \$514 for them to help with expenses.

On July 8th, the Master reported that he was planning to order some distinctive lapel pins for our 50th Anniversary. WBro Michael Brantley presented an educational program on the Secrets of a Master Mason and the legends for the York and Scottish Rites of how they were "found" by modern era Masons.

WBro Dustin Tarditi presented the Lodge a copy of "Freemasonry for Dummies," which was signed by the Author, WBro Christopher Hodapp. The author is currently reading this very informative history lesson of the working of Freemasonry. He presents numerous examples of false writings and tales about Masons. He presents a scholarly work on the history of Masonry and its Appendant Bodies. I highly recommend this book for all Masons. I guarantee you will find some information you do not have now.

Bro Charles Graham and WBro Wally Stopkey are both having vision problems. WBro Michael Spencer stated that Rolesville had a fundraiser to assist Bro Tim Stoker, and thanked our Lodge for the financial assistance we provided. Both Bro Tim and his wife are in the hospital at this time and had been visited by Rolesville members.

At the Stated Communication on July 22nd, the Master announced that we had over 50 family and friends attend the recent ice cream social. Bro Will Dunlop was commended for helping in the kitchen, both cooking and cleanup.

The Master has ordered 250 lapel pins to commemorate our 50th anniversary. The T-shirts will be ordered soon.

WBro Elliot Swindell, a Demitted Charter Member, presented the Lodge a photo of the Charter Members and shared some stories of the early days in our Lodge.

On August 12th, WBro Ron Hollamon (in his 17th Year) was elected by the Lodge to receive the title Secretary of Distinction per Grand Lodge Regulation 56-4. The WM recapped the July ice cream social. Our Fall BBQ Fundraiser will be the first Friday in October. The goal is to sell 600 plates.

WBro Larry Hudson was admitted into the Lodge, whereupon he presented a Masonic education session on Masonry in the Civil War. WBro Don Butto, DDGL 14th MD, discussed pending District-level proficiency awards in ritual work and service.

The WM's father-in-law is in the hospital. WBro Dowen's wife is now home. WBro Bill Hudson is in UNC Hospital with a serious illness.

At our meeting on September 9th, the Secretary passed around some Masonic Memorabilia donated by our widow, Sue Bailey. Some belonged to our late Bro Ed Bailey and some to his uncle.

WBro Dustin Tarditi shared some correspondence from Bro Ozgur Urey of Turkey. His father, who painted the beautiful Square and Compasses that hangs over our entryway, recently died. Bro Urey has a new son born in August.

Ann Barefoot, wife of WBro Stanley Barefoot, had a recent serious illness. Bro Todd Brozell announced that his son was installed as the DeMolay Master Counselor.

During our Stated on September 23rd, the Master announced that our 50th anniversary T-Shirts should arrive in about a week. Lapel Pins and Commemorative coins have already been ordered.

We learned that Bro Roger Farmer and his dog Cody had been bitten by a Copperhead snake. Cody did not survive. Bro Farmer was treated at the ER. He is still having some issues after the event. WBro Bill Hudson is back in rehab at this time.

On October 14th, the Lodge voted to remit the dues of our 12 members with over 50 Years of Service.

Bro Scott Sholar reported on the recent Grand Lodge Annual Communication. WBro Luigi Ammons, an honorary member of our Lodge, was awarded the Montfort Medal for Service to the Craft.

WBro James Hutchins (our 10th Master) and WBro Jack Moore (our 5th Master) were both undergoing treatments for a serious illness. WBro Stanley Barefoot is in poor health at this time.

At our Stated Communication on October 25th, we received a special Dispensation authorizing James B. Green Lodge to hold a Fellowcraft Degree at WhiteStone for our candidate on November 1st, 2014. The Secretary read several proposed changes to our Lodge Bylaws to be acted upon in a month.

WBro Jimmy Lassiter now has the 50th Golden Anniversary Memorabilia: T-Shirts at \$10, Commemorative Coins at \$10 and free Lapel Pins for our members.

At the meeting on November 11th, the Master thanked all the brothers that helped with the Fellowcraft Degree we held at WhiteStone. The Secretary read a request from Lafayette Lodge #83 of Jacksonville, NC,

requesting us to confer the 3rd Degree on the FC Bro Joshua Lee Humphrey. We may combine with William G. Hill #218 to have a joint degree.

In honor of Veterans Day, the Master asked our military veterans to stand to be recognized. Bro Scott Sholar shared a short essay entitled "What is a Veteran" Bro James Murphy read an essay on the correct procedure to fold the American Flag. Each veteran gave a short description of his time in the service.

On November 25th, the Lodge voted to approve some changes to our Bylaws in Article 8 Sec 4 regarding our Annual Communication, Article 19 Sec 3 dealing with the new procedure for voting for candidates and Sec 4 dealing with cell phones of other devices disturbing our Lodge meetings. Article 20 is now obsolete. Article 25 Sec 1 deals with our Bylaws becoming effective or inconsistent with The Code. These changes will be forwarded to Grand Lodge for their approval.

The Master reported that more than 20 Lodges participated in the 8 Wake County Applebee's restaurants for the First Responder breakfast the previous Saturday. We received a lot of good publicity from this activity.

The Master read a proposal for WBro Jack Walters to receive the award on Treasurer of Distinction. The proposal was laid over for 1 month.

The Grand Secretary informed us that Bro David Benyas had Demitted from Millbrook #97 and is now a singular member in our Lodge.

Bro Del Michael Lawson was Raised in a joint degree at J.J. Crowder Lodge #743 last evening. Bro Lawson expressed his pleasure at being Initiated in our Lodge, Passed at WhiteStone and Raised at the Caswell Street Masonic Temple.

Bro Marc Fusce, NASA Ambassador and member of J.J. Crowder Lodge #743, gave an interesting and informative presentation on the early space program. Quite a number of the early astronauts were Freemasons or sons of masons.

WBro Jimmy Lassiter is scheduled for a hip surgery. Sue Walters had to have surgery on her shoulder. WBro Hudson is back home and recovering. WBro James Hutchins and his brother WBro John Hutchins are both very sick at this time.

At the meeting on December 9th, the Secretary read the final reports for our Fall Fundraiser. We distributed \$801 to each of our 3 charities for a total of \$2403.

WBro Ron Hollamon was conducted west of the altar and presented with the award of Secretary of Distinction in appreciation of his many years of continuous service to our Lodge.

We proceeded to elect our officers for the year 2015. Bro Terry Washam will attend Wilkerson College next year. The Lodge collected \$282 to assist with his tuition. Christmas cards for our widows were signed.

Bro Scott Sholar announced the recent birth of his son. Bro Chris Moody was recognized as an Endowed Member of our Lodge.

At our final Stated Communication for the year on December 23rd, the proposal for WBro Jack Walters for Treasurer of Distinction was balloted upon and he was elected to receive the award. The WM reviewed the programs and events of the year and lessons learned from each activity.

We completed the year with a total membership of 120 Brothers. We had Raised 3 new Brothers and had 1 to Affiliate. We Excluded 4 Brothers for non-payment of dues.

The Year of 2015 - Our 50th Year

Master Roger D. Farmer, SW Terry S. "Scott" Sholar, JW Michael A. Thompson, Treasurer Angelo T. "Chic" Rosselli, and Secretary WBro Ronald C. Hollamon (his 18th year). WBro Allan B. Bonner Jr. was elected to serve as a Trustee thru 2017. The Master appointed the following officers to serve: SD Terry Washam, JD James M. Murphy, Sagar H. Patel and Baxter C. Knight as Stewards, David W. Benyas as Chaplain, and Del-Michael Lawson as the Tyler.

At our 1st Stated Communication on January 10th, the Secretary informed us that the Grand Lodge Committee on Bylaws did not approve our proposed addition to the Lodge Bylaws regarding fines for electronic device disturbances during a meeting. It was in conflict with Regulation 77-8 of The Code.

WBro Jim Lassiter gave a presentation on Masonic Memorial Services.

On January 27th, Bro Terry Washam requested the use of the Lodge facility for meeting of Knights of Pythias one night per month. He suggested that they could meet on the 4th Sunday of the month. The Lodge approved the request.

The Master informed us of the planned 50th Year Anniversary and Past Master's Banquet scheduled for October 10th. WBro Mark Thompson and his son Bro Michael Thompson are working on the 50 Year History of our Lodge.

WBro George Starnes's wife Barbara presented him with a gavel at his Installation Service in 1997. Barbara has donated the gavel and other working tools mounted on a plaque now in our display cabinet in the foyer.

At our Stated on February 10th, WBro Jack L. Walters was conducted west of the altar. The Master presented the award of Treasurer of Distinction. A proposal for Life Membership for WBro Michael Brantley was read to the Lodge. It will lay open 30 days.

WBro Jack Walters reported that the MESH LLC is providing financial assistance to the Mason and Star residents and can assist even more. Bro Terry Washam reported that Wilkerson College recently held a session at MESH. Tonight was our Annual Chili Cook-off and it was won by WBro Roger Farmer.

Bro Don Butto presented a Certificate of Recognition to Bro Scott Sholar for his Coaching Proficiency and to Bro Chic Rosselli for Charge Proficiency. He then proceeded to give an educational program, which described the organization and goals of the York Rite. He described their various degrees.

The second Stated Communication in February was not held due to an ice storm.

We held an Emergent Communication on March 3rd for the purpose of Raising Bro Joshua Lee Humphrey of LaFayette Lodge #83 of Jacksonville, NC and Bro David Taylor Malone of this Lodge to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

At the meeting on March 10th, the Lodge balloted on the Petition for Life Membership for WBro Michael Wiley Brantley. WBro Brantley was duly elected.

DDGM Larry Hudson and DDGL Don Butto were admitted and afforded private grand honors. WBro Hudson reminded us of the upcoming GM's district meeting. He discussed the need for every Lodge to have a realistic budget. Other topics: attendance at degree lectures, Grand Lodge scholarships and Military Veterans recognition. WBro Hudson discussed some of the recent rumors about the sale of the Caswell Street Masonic Temple.

Bro Don Butto mentioned that J.J. Crowder Lodge has an annuity, which they use to fund a scholarship program.

On March 24th, WBro Don Steichen reviewed the recent Grand Master's meeting at the Caswell Street Masonic Temple. WBro Steichen and Bro Gary Whiteside discussed recent events as part of the MCHO's Landscape Day activities.

The Master of Durham #352 and several of his members assisted with our hosting of a joint EA Degree that evening. We were invited to visit them soon.

At our Stated on April 14th WBro Dustin Tarditi announced his job was moving him back to his hometown area in New Jersey in the early summer timeframe. The Master coordinated activities for our upcoming Spring Fundraiser scheduled for the next Friday.

At our 2nd Stated on April 28th WBro Michael Brantley was conducted west of the altar and presented a Certificate of Life Membership in James B. Green Lodge. WBro Brantley gave some eloquent remarks and expressed his pleasure.

At our meeting on May 12th, there was some discussion about developing a funeral kit for the Lodge. The funds were approved some time ago, but no action. WBro Don Steichen volunteered to investigate the contents and cost of the kit.

The WM described the massive planning and preparation, which is required to have a successful BBQ Fundraiser. He encouraged brothers to volunteer and get involved in our next Fundraiser scheduled for October 2nd. Our recent Fundraiser earned \$2521 for our Lodge Building Fund and deemed a success.

Bro Matthew Robbins reported that a new lodge was being formed, State College Lodge, which expected a Dispensation on June 17th.

During our meeting on May 25th, the Master gave out James B. Green Lodge 50 Year Commemorative Lapel Pins. Bro George Bickel commented that the pin is especially symbolic to him, because he was Raised 50 years ago in James B. Green UD. He is now a member of Green Level Lodge #277.

At our 1st Stated Communication on June 9th, WBro Don Steichen announced the planned homecoming at MHCO.

Bro Michael Thompson reported that MW Douglas L. Caudle would rededicate the old NC State Capital building on next Saturday. Bro Thompson announced that the first meeting of the State College Lodge UD would be on June 17th.

On June 23rd Bro James Murphey reported that only one vacancy existed for Food Committee, but soon had Brothers listed for all future Eating Meetings.

Bro Terry Washam reported on the rededication of the North Carolina State Capital. Approximately 50 brothers assembled to support the event; James B. Green was well represented. Bro Michael Thompson carried the Grand Lodge banner at the head of the procession as the Grand Standard Bearer. Bro Matthew Robins served as the Grand Tyler. The Grand Master made use of the 1829 GM jewel, which is reserved for special ceremonies. Brother from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge assisted MW Caudle in the rededication.

Bro Sagar Patel reported on the first meeting of State College Lodge UD. Attendance was approximately 50 brothers, including several Grand Lodge officers and brothers from James B. Green. Meetings are planned for the third Wednesday of each month in the offices above McDade's Pub on Hillsborough Street across from campus.

The acting Master, Bro Michael Thompson, thanked his father WBro Mark Thompson for helping him prepare for his first time in the East and with helping him learn the Master's part in our meetings. WBro Bob Downen congratulated the Master and all the officers who had moved up for that meeting on their proficiency, The Author is very proud of his son, as he has advanced in his Masonic Journey.

Bro Terry Washam recited a toast to the US Flag in honor of the Lodges' veterans and our upcoming celebration of Independence Day. Bro Washam spoken to WBro Dustin Tarditi, who sent his greetings to the Lodge, and noted that, he had arrived safely in a new home and commenced his new job.

At our 1st Stated Communication on July 14th, WBro Don Steichen thanked the brothers for making the MHCO residents who joined us for a dinner meal feel welcome.

Bro Michael Thompson requested that the brothers submit photos from the past to include in our 50 Year History Booklet. He also put the request on our web page.

It was reported that the wife of Bro Bobby Spence is seriously ill. The wife of WBro Bob Downen was recently hospitalized but she was now recovering at home. WBro Bill Hudson is still in and out of rehab.

At the 2nd Stated on July 28th, WBro Don Steichen reported that several MHCO teenagers participated in their annual summer academy here in Raleigh. The visited some local businesses and learned several life skills.

WBro Jim Lassiter announced that our Rainbow Assembly would hold its officer installation in August with an ice cream social to follow the ceremony.

WBro John Held provided some remarks describing the similarities and differences between his Lodge in Washington DC, William R. Singleton, and our Lodge.

Here are several examples:

- Catechism examinations are just approved by the coach, not given in open lodge
- To become a Master of a lodge, you must join the Royal Arch to get the Past Master Degree
- The station of Marshal is a line officer
- A choir sings the scripture passages in the degrees
- Lodge officers wear tuxedos at all meetings
- DC only has 49 lodges, so the members get to know the Grand Officers

The Secretary mentioned the passing of two of our widows: Doris Cheek and Donna Smith, and read their obituaries.

At the Stated Communication on August 11th, the Master reminded us of the upcoming Ice Cream Social next Saturday.

WBro Bob Downen reported that Bro Robin Sheppard's wife recently had a cardiac procedure. He reported on his wife's recent hospitalization. Bro Sagar Patel reported that his grandfather recently passed away and thanked the brothers for their kind expressions of sympathy.

On August 25th, the Secretary read several correspondences from GL: guidelines have been published for petitioner investigating committees, and the GL budget is available. It will be approved at the GL Annual Communication

Secretary read a list of proposed amendments to the Code, which will be voted on at upcoming Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

WBro Bob Downen presented an inspiring video about the Shriners Hospital for Children. WBro Grover Lackey encouraged members to support the Shriners Hospitals.

WBro Don Steichen suggested that on October 10th, the members could attend the Home Coming at MHCO in the morning and our banquet in the evening.

At a Stated Communication on September 8th we approved and Application for Affiliation of Bro John Fredrick Anderson under the Continuous Membership Plan as a transfer from Navesink Lodge #9 in Red Bank, New Jersey.

WBro Don Steichen presented an education program about the need for wills and estate planning, no matter your age. You need to express your plans for your estate vs. letting the local Clerk of Court make the decisions.

WBro Allan Bonner Jr. reported that Bro Robin Dedrick is very ill at this time.

WBro Michael Brantley announced that he would provide a \$100 annual scholarship for the support of our Wilkerson College attendees.

We currently have a total membership of 120 Brothers. We have Raised 1 new Brother and Restored 1 Brother. We had 1 Brother to pass away.

In Closing...

This work is here-by presented in an attempt to remind the reader of how we have traveled this far in our Lodge. Those Brothers who contributed their time and talents may have passed from our memory, but their deeds and accomplishments should not be forgotten. Let this history serve to refresh your recollections of those who have gone before you. May we, therefore, become more dedicated to the future of this Lodge. May we be wiser for having known the past. In the coming years, may our future Brethren look back on our labors and say, "well done."



Glossary

A.F. & A.M.	Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Bro	Brother
DDGL	District Deputy Grand Lecturer
DDGM	District Deputy Grand Master
DEC	District Education Director
EA	Entered Apprentice
FC	Fellow Craft
JD	Junior Deacon
JGW	Junior Grand Warden
JS	Junior Steward
JW	Junior Warden
MD	Masonic District
MM	Master Mason
O.E.S.	Order of the Eastern Star
PM	Past Master
PGM	Past Grand Master
MWBro	Most Worshipful Brother – Grand Master
RWBro	Right Worshipful Brother – Grand Lodge Officer
SD	Senior Deacon
SS	Senior Steward
SW	Senior Warden
UD	Under Dispensation

Document Revisions

Version 1	4/22/1976	Ten Year History
Version 2	10/11/1990	Twenty Five Year History
Version 3	10/4/2015	Fifty Year History
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3.2	10/6/2015	Minor Updates
3.3	12/22/2015	Fix Title Page