



**WILKERSON
COLLEGE LODGE
NO. 760**

Dates to Remember

- **August 9 - Wilmington (St. John's No.1)**

The Secrets of Masonry Revealed

- **October 11 - Aberdeen (Roman Eagle Lodge No. 550)**

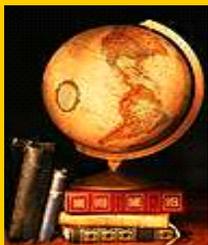
The road of a Grand Master

- **December 13 - Greensboro (Gso. Masonic Temple)**

Officer Installation

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Tribute to WB Dudley H. Sheppard by: WB C. Ray Hall, PDDGM & PDDGL

On April 18, 2006 Wilkerson College Lodge # 760 and Masonry in North Carolina lost one of our cornerstones when the Supreme Architect called Worshipful Brother Dudley H. Sheppard to the Celestial Lodge Above. WB Dudley was a charter member of Wilkerson College Lodge and was instrumental in its' founding. As a member of the first class of Wilkerson College he joined other members of the class in laying the groundwork for the formation of this most unusual lodge. He was appointed as the charter treasurer and served in that capacity until December of 2005 when he was appointed Junior Deacon. In this position he was beginning his path to become master of the lodge .WB Dudley was an active member of Gate City Lodge # 694 in Greensboro. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason November 26, 1997. He immediately became an active

member. He progressed through the line of officers and served that lodge as master in 2005. WB Dudley was always an innovator and thinker. He was never satisfied with doing things the same old way. He was always interested in receiving "more light in Masonry". He authored an Officer's Manual and assisted the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education in editing and publishing it on a disc sent to every lodge in the state, where it remains on the Grand Lodge Website. He was made an Honorary Member by the Committee Chairman for his services throughout the process.

WB Dudley was one of the members of the original committee which started the Arthur Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament. This tournament has raised \$45,000.00 in five years for the scholarship fund at the



**WB Dudley H. Sheppard, PM
August 26, 1952
April 18, 2006**

Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. He continued to be an active member of this committee until his death. His wife and daughter continue to be active members of this committee.

From the Dean's Desk

by: RWB William Dill, SGW

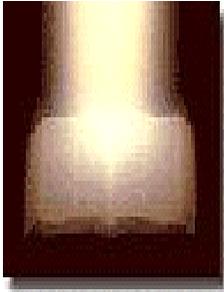
Wilkerson College 2008 has come and gone and another class of soon to be outstanding Masonic Leaders has continued their journey in search of further light. This year's class yielded another group of future leaders ready to accept the responsibilities of leading the members of their Masonic Lodge.

The Class of 2008 was truly the benefactor of the previous Wilkerson College classes. Because of the feedback received after each prior class, 2008 offered revised curriculums, dynamic presenters, first class accommodations, and lets not forget tours of Whitestone, Oxford and of course our Grand Lodge offices. All of this designed to meet the needs of our class as expressed by those classes that have come before them.

And of course this could not be possible without the support of all areas of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Special thanks are given to Wilkerson College Lodge for their financial support. The members of this very special lodge recognize the positive influence Wilkerson College continues to have on Masonry and works to ensure that influence by raising the funds to award three full scholarships to deserving lodge officers. Job well done Wilkerson College Lodge!

Chaplain's Page

By: WB Richard Smith, PDDGM



Annual Communication in Winston-Salem on Sept. 19–20, 2008

After having the honor of sitting with Grand Master Dave Cash at the 2008 Wilkerson College Class graduation in Greensboro on May 3, 2008, reading his comments in the current "The North Carolina Mason" concerning the upcoming Annual Communication and attending the WCL 760 Stated Communication at Statesville 27 on June 14, 2008 with MWB Tom Gregory's program "History of Prince Hall Masonry" with Prince Hall Masons in attendance, I have reflected on our Charges as Freemasons.

From the Charge at Initiating into the Degree of Apprentice: "...to your neighbor, in acting upon the square and doing unto him as you wish he would do unto you." Ask yourself, "Who is your neighbor?"

From the Charge at Passing to the Degree of Fellow Craft: "The internal, and not the external qualifications are what Masonry regards." Ask yourself, "Does this not obviously extend to color of one's skin?"

From the Charge at Raising to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: "Universal benevolence you are always to inculcate..." Ask yourself: "Is this not the time to extend our universal be-



Our chaplain along side MWB David Cash, GM

We are in a unique and historic circumstance in which we have the power to determine whether other Masons are clandestine. Prince Hall ritual has been examined by our brothers, former Governor Jim Martin, former NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Judge Exxon and others and determined to be proper. When was the last time we had a chance to do something good for others, purely and truly altruistic, that did not cost us any money, time or infringement upon our personal property or rights?

I value the time I have spent with the brothers of Wilkerson College Lodge No. 760 A.F. & A.M. in meeting with Prince Hall Masons, on several occasions, while not in a titled lodge, but in breaking bread one with the others and enjoying the fellowship and educational programs open to all. Our behavior has tended to reflect the continuation of the Third Degree Charge from above: "...and to afford the best example for those less well informed."

Brothers, now is the hour for all members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina A.F. & A.M. to uphold our Charges and support the recognition of Prince Hall Masons at our Annual Communication in Winston-Salem on September 19-20, 2008.

The Master's Word

By: WB Frank Spears, PM

Due to scheduling difficulties, look for the Master's message in our next issue



Master of Wilkerson College Lodge 2008

The Rim Shot

By: MWB Tom Gregory, PGM

W. Stumpy Best, Past Master of Acacia #357, and his wife Martha go to Raleigh for the State Fair every year to check out the Pig Jig and livestock.

And every year for the last few years Stumpy would say, "Martha, I'd like to ride in that there airplane."

And every year Martha would say, "I know Stumpy, but that airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars."

Last year Stumpy and Martha went to the fair and Stumpy said, "Martha, I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that airplane this year I may never get another chance." Martha replied, "Stumpy, that there airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars."

The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal.

I'll take you both up for a ride, and if you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you. But if you say one word it's ten dollars!" Stumpy and Martha agreed and up they go. The pilot does all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word. He does all his tricks over and over again, but still not a word.

They land and the pilot turns to Stumpy, "By golly, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't." Stumpy replied, "Well, I was gonna say something when Martha fell out, but like Martha always said, ten dollars is ten dollars."



MWB Tom Gregory, PGM



Congratulations to the Wilkerson College Class of 2008

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

July

Charles Lewis, Jr. - 14
 Clayton Wright - 24
 Dan Weathington - 20
 Frank Spears - 18
 Jack Clayton - 18
 Kevin Walton - 2
 Russ Jones - 2
 William Mills, III - 20



August

Daniel Miller - 27
 Gene Jernigan - 16
 Sean Graystone - 7
 Sid Carter - 15

Get Ready for the Coast

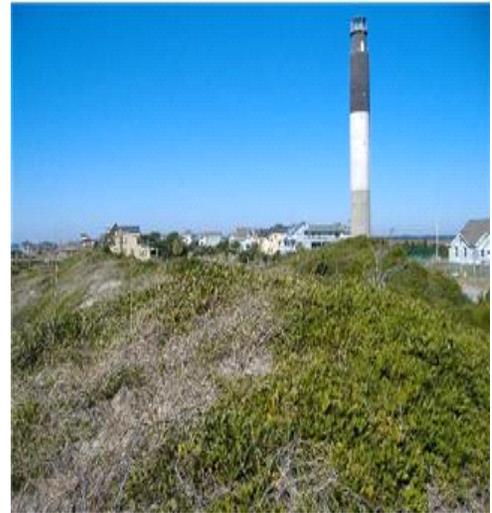
By: Bro. Gary Handy



**St. John's Lodge
No. 1**

Brothers, get ready for a treat, Summer on the beautiful coast of North Carolina. On Saturday, August 9, 2008, Wilkerson College Lodge will make a visit to historical Saint John's Lodge No. 1 in Wilmington.

The program for that visit will be presented by WB Terry Cox and is entitled "The Secrets of Masonry Revealed" A tiled lodge meeting will begin 11:00 AM and lunch will begin immediately after the meeting, with the program to start after lunch. As always lunch & program will be open to everyone, so be sure to bring your spouse or a friend, maybe a prospective Mason!

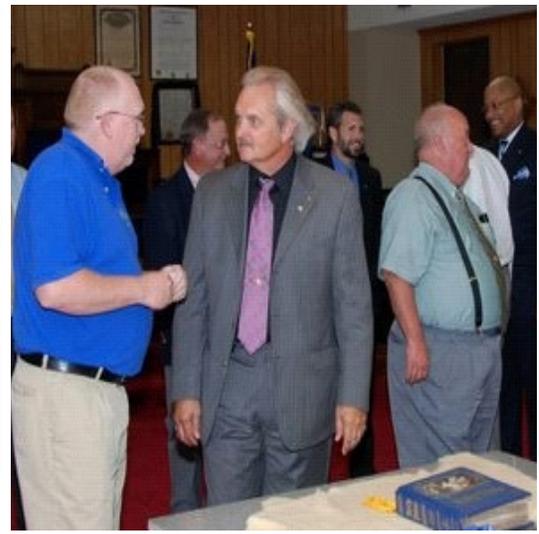


The Lodge is located at 4712 Oriole Drive, Wilmington, NC.

Please make your hotel reservations now, to insure a room during the busy tourist season. Make plans to join us, for what I am sure will be great time and a interested program. Maybe see some old friends and make some new ones.

August 9, 2008 - Wilmington, NC

Pictures from our last meeting



Highlights from Statesville Lodge No. 27

By: WB Larry Thompson, DDGM

As we pulled up at Statesville Lodge No. 27 my eyes were drawn to a distinguished looking gentleman who stood in the parking lot showing off his tie to anyone who would pay him the least bit of attention. I should have known... it was Dr. Rick showing off his "flag tie" on Flag Day. It was good to be back at a Wilkerson College Lodge gathering!

Two items of business worth noting include: a vote to help sponsor a trip to Emerald Point Water Park for our kids at

Oxford and the "railroading" of Brother Gary Handy who is now our newsletter Editor!

After our business meeting we had the opportunity to greet several local Prince Hall Masons and their wives who joined us for lunch. M. W. Brother Tom Gregory and several Statesville Brothers prepared our meal which truly was delicious (thanks guys)!

Our afternoon program, *The Father of Prince Hall Masonry*, was also provided by M. W.

Brother Tom (can you say multitask?) who invited our Prince Hall Brothers to participate in the presentation. I truly enjoyed the interaction and I think we all learned a thing or two about Prince Hall, both the man and the Mason! Until next time...



Statesville Lodge No. 27



After a great meal provided by the Brothers of Statesville No. 27, everyone is ready for an equally great program

Secretary's Corner

By: WB C. Ray Hall, PDDGM & PDDGL

Brethren,
Greetings from your secretary. I recently sent out notices to all who have not paid their 2008 dues. I have only received responses from a couple of those. Please help your lodge meet expenses by paying your dues. Just a gentle reminder if you are a dual member and are suspended from one lodge for NPD you are also

suspended from all other lodges you belong to regardless of whether you have paid dues to those lodges. On another note, at last year's elections I asked that this be my last year as secretary. After further consideration I have decided that if it is your desire I will continue as your secretary for at least one more year.
Ray



Secretary of Wilkerson College Lodge for 2008

Our Lodge's Mission

The mission of Wilkerson College Lodge is to foster a flame of brotherly love and friendship that will surpass all differences, envelope all similarities and consistently travel that level of time in search of how to make good men better. As speculative Masons, education will be our greatest tool, so as to instill in our future Masters qualities of leadership, responsibility and compassion.

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Tribute continued.....

Brother Dudley was a large man with a great smile and ready wit. He would always give everyone a big bear hug and say "I love you, brother". You never doubted that he meant just that. He could always make you laugh and feel great just to be in his presence. He was blessed with a wonderful wife, Linda, and a loving daughter Melissa. They loved and supported him always. It was not unusual to see the entire family present and working at any Masonic function. They often traveled together to Wilkerson College Lodge meetings across the state.

WB Sheppard was laid to rest on Saturday April 22, 2006 in Guilford Memorial Park with Masonic Graveside Rites. There was a large crowd of Masons from across the state

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here to pay their last respects. WB Dudley was a man who lived his Masonry. If ever there was an example of how Masonry teaches a man to live Dudley Sheppard was it.

Dudley was my friend and brother and he will be greatly missed by his family and brethren. I have no doubt that we will meet again.

WB Dudley was the first editor of "The Traveler" and this issue is dedicated to his memory

