



Greetings from the South!

Where were you on August the 9th 2008?

If you were not at the Hickory Masonic Center you missed a great time.

The Lord blessed our wonderful fraternity with a beautiful day filled with fun and fellowship. The occasion was the annual Family Day at the Lodge. This year we decided on holding this event on Saturday and seemingly it turned out to be very well attended with an estimated 200+ crowd. Many Brothers and their families turned out for the festivities which included a water slide, a

bouncy castle, a dunk tank, and several creative activities for the children. The fun continued inside as well, like painting T-shirts and making photo frames for their families. Also in attendance was "Becky the Balloon Lady" who entertained with her award winning style of balloon tying. The menu included hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and corn on the cob along with all the fixings. The tradition of making home-made ice cream was continued by Brother Lee Spach and James Johnson, who served up 12 different flavors. An added treat to the day's events came when the lodge's new library was dedicated. Brother Carl Isenhour's Family made a generous do-

nation to the lodge to remodel a room in the lodge into a beautiful library. Brother Dr. Grimes Byerly coordinated this task and it turned out to be stunning. The Master of the Lodge, David Abernethy accepted this gift and completed the dedication by unveiling the new Library. Thanks to all the guests who came and I want to especially thank all of the Brothers and Sisters and their families who came together to make this day possible. I look forward to more great times together.

Brother Daniel Rolon
Junior Warden

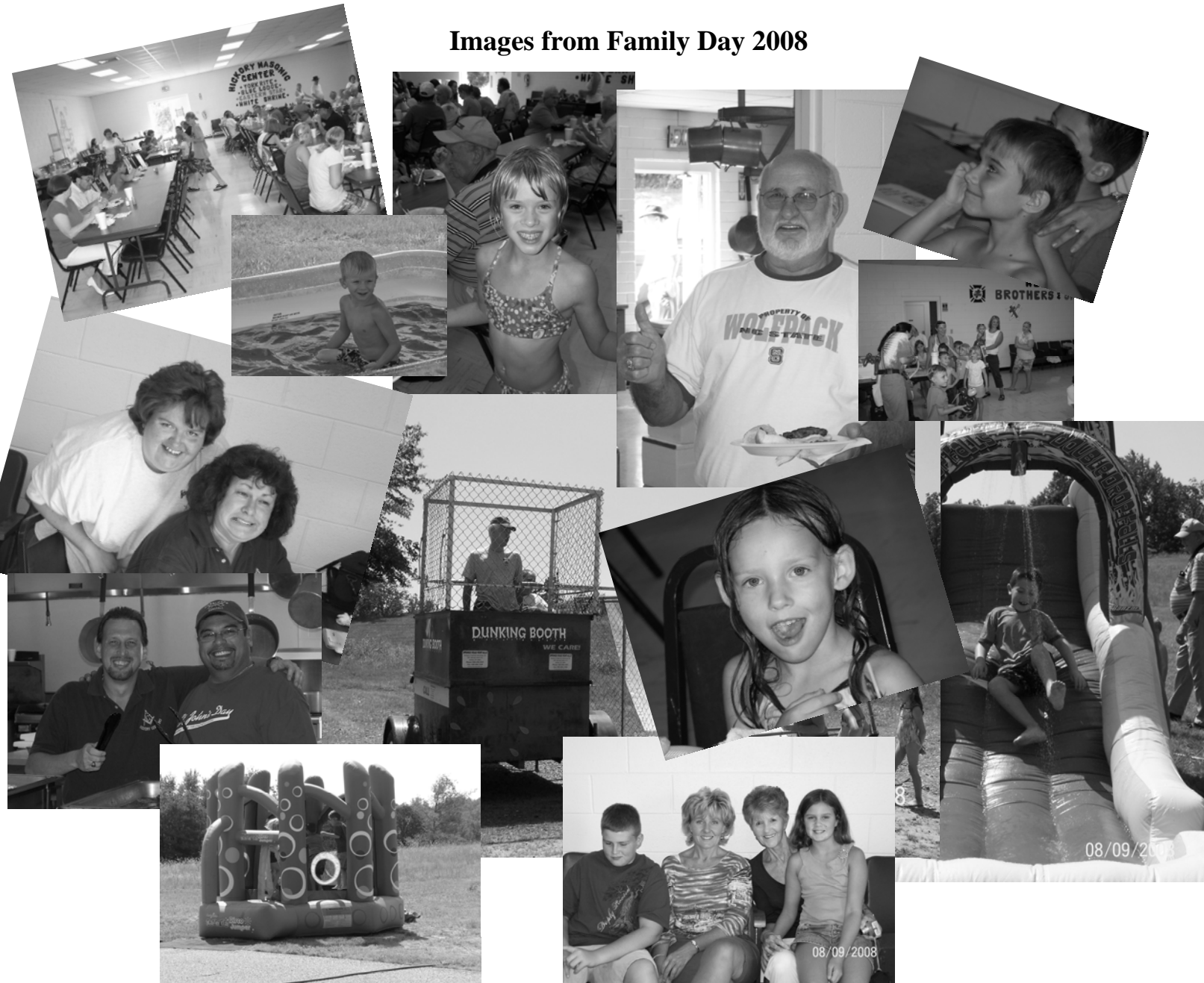
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LIVING PAST MASTERS

J.N. Cagle	1973	J.P. Hilton	1994
J.L. Johnson	1974	D.L. Reep	1995
E.W. Beckom	1978	P.C. Ray	1996
J.F. Taylor	1979	L.D. Huffman	1997
J.H. Elmore	1981	W.G. Byerly	1998
T.L. Hartman	1984		2007
E.C. Cline	1986	D.J. Wallace	1999
J.E. Vaught	1987	H.W. Walker	2000
J.H. Elmore	1988	J.W. Davidson	2001
C.E. Isenhour	1989	M.D. Hale	2002
E.W. Masche	1991	W.J. Hunley	2003
J.D. Crawley	1993	J.P. Kuykendall	2004
		D.L. Brandon	2006

Images from Family Day 2008



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Teague	09/01/1946	William Cooke, Jr.	09/09/1935	Ervan Potter	09/16/1947
Benny Yount	09/02/1951	Edwin Wright	09/11/1922	Phil Carter	09/17/1934
Grady Costner	09/02/1951	Harold Reid	09/12/1943	David Blanton	09/17/1952
James Isenhour	09/04/1970	Dennis Davis	09/12/1950	Kenneth Jarrett	09/17/1959
Lewis Weston	09/05/1925	Clyde Hill	09/13/1935	Burl Lehman	09/18/1923
Hugh Hedgepath	09/05/1942	Roger Fox	09/13/1946	David Duncan	09/23/1946
John Matthews	09/05/1944	Dale Crouch	09/13/1948	Richard Reed	09/21/1954
Larry Hale	09/05/1948	David Morris	09/13/1964	Lonnie Freeman	09/22/1925
Michael Hale	09/06/1959	Charles Lucas, Jr.	09/14/1936	Joel Stickland	09/23/1945
James Matlock	09/07/1942	David Whitener	09/15/1941	Ernest Mofford, Jr.	09/26/1950
		Alfred Hollar	09/16/1945		

Caring Report: David Brandon, David Chastain, John Wilson, Carroll Bumgarner, The Jacob Ramsour Family, Denise Wallace, Don Hudson, Carl Isenhour, John Harden's wife, Jack Lingerfelt, Bill Deitz, David Duncan, Darrell Chapman, Gregg Conley, Herbert Chilton Jr., Bob Gregg, Click Truitt, Charles Meadows, Richard Rozzelle's son, A.W. Morris, Kimberly Austin, Rufus Smith, Charles Lookadoo, Todd Cline, August Masche, David Early, Joe Vaught, Clyde Price, and Bruce Pope all need our prayers and attention.

Our sincere sympathies to the family of our dearly departed Brother Jacob Middlecoff Ramsour, Jr. who was born on July 23, 1926 and died on August 16, 2008. Brother Ramsour was Initiated on September 14, 1953, Passed on February 8, 1954, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 8, 1954

**Isenhour Library Dedication
Saturday August 9, 2008**

Comments by Brother Dr. Grimes Byerly, PM

"Worshipful Master - having been entrusted with the supervision and management of the several contributors and workers employed in the furnishing of this library, and having accomplished to the best of my ability the assigned task, I now express my thanks for the honor of this duty and I present the results to you and the Lodge.

Brethren and friends here assembled, one of our obligations is to provide buildings/ assemblies serviceable to the brethren. This includes specific rooms in our lodge and today we are assembled to dedicate a special room as a memorial to a special Mason and his wife for the use and good of the lodge from today to the many years of our unknown future.

Therefore I present this library to the Lodge."

Brother Carl Isenhour, PM then read the following speech he had prepared.

Dear Brethren,

Many years ago I made one of the most important, and yet, most profound decisions of my life. I questioned a man that I had known for years about how to become a Mason; and as they say, "the rest is history". Well, most of my history has now been written and I am proud to say that this history has been written here at my beloved Hickory Lodge #343. The years that I have spent toiling side by side with those present and those passed have not been born of struggle, but out of absolute love and dedication for an ancient fraternity that has given so much more to me than I could repay in multiple lifetimes. Oh, if we could all go back in time and walk these same hallowed halls and lodge room with those who have made the institution what it is today! But, there is always a new page and I am eternally grateful for being even a small part of the unique history of Freemasonry and of this particular lodge.

First and foremost, I wish to say that I could have never accomplished even a small part of what we have without the absolute support of my wife Sandra and my children. They are the joys of my life, the leg-

acy that is "The Isenhours". Sandra, you are my partner, my cheerleader, my conscience, and my reason to get up every day. You are my life.

Secondly, I wish to not only thank but also praise all the brethren with whom I have served throughout my Masonic journey. The cherished memories that I hold for them, the many Masonic events, the wonderful times spent as brothers, in front of the Holy Altar. I will always hold a special place in my heart for each of these. There are many brothers, even those whom have now gone on before, who themselves spent their entire lifetimes in the service of Freemasonry. It was, and is, an absolute privilege, honor, and joy to have been able to learn and live as a Free-Mason beside each brother.

Finally, many of us have utilized our lodge for so many purposes, whether for family functions or Masonic ones, our Masonic Hall, and even our Lodge room have been sources of comfort and refuge unlike any modern structure today, separate from, but brother to: a church' a synagogue.

My prayer is that this library be a source of knowledge through its books full of history and direction, a source of comfort and refuge and an addition that will honor all whom darken her doors.

This way of life, the Masonic life, one of commitment to God and brother; the life of servant hood and brotherhood; has been my chosen way of life and I am eternally grateful for it and each of you. I pray your journey will be as priceless and as beautiful as mine.

Thank you.



CALLING ALL VETERANS

By Lee Spach

Thanks to the support of Hickory Lodge #343 we have teamed up with Brother Dave Milidonis (Fuquay Lodge #258) and the National Veterans History Archival Institute (NVHAI) which Brother Milidonis founded. As many of you know, military history in our country is being lost as veterans pass away taking their stories with them to the grave. Many records at the storage warehouse in St. Louis have been destroyed by fire and also by flooding in New Orleans. Often times the records that you, as a veteran, may have in your possession are the only links that may prove some other persons military service. This may seem far fetched, but I assure you it is not.

The NVHAI is conducting personal interviews will ALL veterans, no matter what branch of service. Every veteran has a story to tell.... Whether active duty or reserve, whether war time or peace time. All of this information needs to be documented for future generations. There are an estimated 22 million veterans alive and so far only about 60,000 have told their story. This is where we need your help.

Our lodge is setting up a team of interviewers along with outside organizations so that we can find and record as many veterans as we can. This information is then all stored in its unedited version at the Library of Congress. **PLEASE HELP US!!!!!!**

For more information about this project, please contact Brother Lee Spach at leespach@charter.net or at 828-446-1924. More information is also available at www.veteranshistoryinstitute.org

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Lodge Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2008

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30pm—Meal 7:30pm—Stated	2 7:30pm—OES	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 6:30pm Meal 7:30pm York Rite	11	12	13
14	15 6:30pm—Meal 7:30pm—Stated	16 7:30pm—OES	17	18	19 GRAND LODGE Winston-Salem	20 GRAND LODGE Winston-Salem
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