

Children's Chatter



October 2022

MHCOC Lodge Info Update

Worshipful Master, Brother Secretary, and Brethren,
We **pray this report finds you happy, healthy, and safe.**

The census is currently at 63. Many placements are younger children and sibling sets.

Homecoming by all accounts was a great success! The community were all sharing how wonderful the parade was and many said it was the best parade they have ever seen. The bands were a hit. Food trucks were a nice supplement to the BBQ.

The BBQ awards for 2022:

Chicken - 1st Place Union #618; 2nd Place Keller Memorial #657; 3rd Place 13th District

Pork - 1st Place Avery County Shrine Club; 2nd Place Corinthian #230, 3rd Place Fuquay Varina #258

Overall - Grand Champions Union #618 "Soggy Bottom Boys"; 2nd Place Keller Memorial; 3rd Place Oasis Pork Patrol

People's Choice - Sudan Shriners

Special Recognition to Doric #30 from Delaware in memory of Brother Will "Peach"

Mark your calendars for **next year's 150th Homecoming Celebration on 10/13-14/2023.** Pray now for good weather and great success to continue.

Thanks to all who helped make the return to Homecoming a fun time.



2022 Masonic Homecoming Festival



Scenes and Seens!

Check out what we're doing, where we've been, and who we're with!

Additionally...

The students are doing well in school. Four are in Pre-K, twenty-two in Elementary, 13 in Middle School, and 13 in High School. Several students are in the gifted programs, three in Elementary, three in Middle School and two in High School. One HS student is earning above 98% in all subjects. Most are involved in sports and clubs including, Soccer, Volleyball, Football, Band, Girl Scouts, DeMolay and one Kindergartner is in Parks and Rec Cheerleading.

MHCO is currently in the hiring process for two more Married Houseparent Couples. If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them call 919-693-5111. We can immediately place younger adults 18-20 into the Independent Living Program.

MHCO was privileged to present at Annual Communication. The introduction of Alumni Thomas Boyd as Print Shop Manager and Yancey Otero as Financial Development Assistant, and ILP resident Jaheim Hartsfield's successes were wonderful moments.



150th Anniversary Celebration

Progress continues developing a memorable year of celebration in 2023.

The Black-Tie Kickoff Dinner on 2/11/23 is coming together. Admiral Bill Sizemore will be the keynote speaker. An auction will take place with several unique art pieces related to MHCO's history. Table sales are beginning soon. Look to MHCO's webpage for the Eventbrite Registration in November.

The OES Ice Cream Social on 6/24/23 continues to develop and will be a grand event. MHCO expects to unveil the Gym renovation and have a pep rally. Food trucks, Ice Cream, Rides and Games are planned along with music, speakers, and continued auctions and sales.

Homecoming is on 10/13-15/23. The event continues to develop and will include an additional band and other enhanced experiences.

The York Rite will conduct their Christmas Observance Ceremonies on 12/10/23. This event will officially conclude the yearlong celebration.

The dedication piece for 2023 donations will be finalized and presented at Homecoming in 2024.

The 2023 wall Calendar is being finalized and will feature stories from children, staff, alumni and masons about the Home and their personal connection. The best way to make your annual contribution to MHCO is to simply send your donation back in the Calendar envelope!

Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Prayers and safe wishes to all. Kevin Otis