

# Children's Chatter



September

## 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 64. The Direct Care Program which includes the youngest children is at 98% capacity. **The census got up to 65.** The change is a wonderful story we hope to announce soon.

**Homecoming is on!** Please make your preparations to attend **Homecoming on October 7- 8/2022.** On Friday evening **East Coast Rhythm and Blues** will perform. On Saturday the **Shrine Parade steps off at 11am** followed by the performance of **Too Much Sylvia.** Twenty-one BBQ teams are signed up. **Don Schwenneker** is the Grand Marshal of the parade.

The **Friday before school** began was a very nice day on campus. Everywhere I went I saw children, youth, and staff active and moving about. They were completing tasks to get ready for school, helping others out by moving furniture, taking walks on a beautiful day, participating in the water games, riding bikes, and just being kids. The fellas showed off their new book bags that had detachable carry bags. **The best part of the day was all the children were happy and smiling.**



Eureka Charity Ride



Fun  
in the  
Sun

Featuring  
**TOO MUCH SYLVIA**

10TH ANNUAL MASONIC HOMECOMING  
**FESTIVAL**

FREE ADMISSION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
Saturday, October 8, 2022  
9:30am - 3:00pm  
Lunch Available for Purchase

GRAND MARSHAL - METEOROLOGIST FOR ABC11 EYEWITNESS NEWS  
**DON SCHWENNEKER - "Big Weather"**

FOOD TRUCKS  
GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS  
BBQ CONTEST  
CAMPUS TOURS  
ALUMNI & HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES  
SHRINE & COMMUNITY PARADE 11:00 AM PARADE BEGINS AT FIRE DEPT.

ON THE CAMPUS OF  
THE MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN AT OXFORD  
600 COLLEGE STREET, OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

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1-888-505-4357



MHCOC Athletes -  
Northern Granville  
Middle School  
Boys Soccer



MHCOC visits Doric Lodge in PA



## Scenes and Seens!

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

MHCO is currently experiencing more children in care which is wonderful. The **shortage in staff** has placed incredible demands on the Houseparents and Supervisors, which I believe they **have handled admirably**. MHCO is currently in the **hiring process for more Married Houseparent Couples, Supervisors**, and recently hired a new Recreation Director who has already been involved in providing fun activities for the kids and to provide support for the Houseparents.

**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.**

Print Shop Manager Barry Long is leaving to take a position at a university. **Welcome our very own Thomas Boyd as the new Print Shop Manager!** Thomas is an Alumni and began as an intern several years ago. He has demonstrated exceptional skills and is ready to manage your Print Shop. **Come to Annual Communication to meet Thomas!**

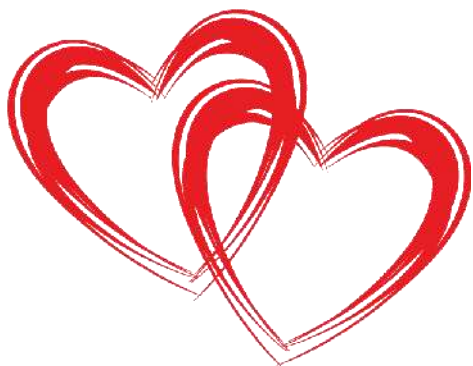
As always mentioned, **your prayers are greatly appreciated.**

**Prayers and safe wishes to all. Kevin Otis**

10 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MASONIC HOMECOMING FESTIVAL		
OCTOBER 7, 8, and 9 2022		
MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN, OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA		
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00 AM - MID-AFTERNOON	CHIP SHOTS GOLF TOURNAY	South Granville Country Club
12 PM TO 2:00 PM	BBQ REGISTRATION/TEAMS ARRIVE/SET-UP	"THE PIT" AT MHCO
5:00 PM	BBQ CONTEST - COOKS MEETING	GYMNASIUM AT MHCO
5:00 PM TO 6:15 PM	MUSIC - DJ JAY PRODUCTIONS	"THE PIT" AT MHCO
5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM	CONSESSIONS	"THE PIT" AT MHCO
6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM	MUSEUM OPEN RECEPTION	COBB CENTER - GALLERIES
6:15 PM TO 8:15 PM	MUSIC - <i>East Coast Rhythm and Blues</i>	"THE PIT" AT MHCO
9:30 PM	CAMPUS CLOSUD - "THE PIT" CLOSUD - PARKING CLOSUD**	
** Only those registered BBQ Team individuals will be allowed to remain on campus with cooking teams and only with an armband.		
SATURDAY, OCT. 8, 2022	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 AM TO 2:00 PM	COFFAGE SALES (Coffee and Doughnuts)	MHCO Main Campus
9:30 AM TO 2:00 PM	COFFAGE SALLS (Merchandise and Snack Items)	
8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	ORPHANS LODGE - Open to all Master Masons	MASONIC CENTER - MHCO
8:30 AM TO 2:00 PM	INFORMATION BOOTH/VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN	NLAR MAIN STAGE AT ST. JOHN'S
9:00 AM TO 12:30 PM	PKL-REGISTRATION PICK-UP FOR ALUMNI	FRONT OF COBB CENTER
9:00 AM TO 1:30 PM	ALUMNI REGISTRATION	COBB CENTER AT DUNN COTTAGE
9:30 AM	OPENING AND WELCOME	MAIN STAGE AT ST. JOHN'S
9:30 AM TO 2:00 PM	SELECTED GAMES, ACTIVITIES, AND ENTERTAINMENT	MHCO CAMPUS
9:30 AM TO 11:00 AM	OPEN HOUSE TOURS - COFFAGE (SHUTTLE PROVIDED)	MASTER MASON COTTAGE
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM	FOOD TRUCK RODEO (Food for Purchase)	MHCO CAMPUS
10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM	MUSLUM OPEN	COBB CENTER
10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM	GOD'S HALF ACRE CEMETERY TOURS	MHCO CAMPUS
10:00 AM TO 10:45 AM	BBQ TURN-IN/JUDGING	ST. JOHN'S BUILDING ALCOVE
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM	GAMING UNPLUGGED MCHILL GAML TITLALTR	MHCO CAMPUS
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM	RAGLAND PRODUCTION INFLATABLES	MHCO CAMPUS
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM	LEO'S TWISTED BALLOONS	MHCO CAMPUS
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM	Chou Chou TRAIN RIDES	MHCO CAMPUS
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM	SCRAP EXCHANGE CREATIVE TIME	MHCO CAMPUS
11:00 AM	SHRINE AND COMMUNITY PARADE	DOWNTOWN OXFORD TO MHCO
12:00 NOON TO 2:30 PM	OPEN HOUSE TOURS - COFFAGE (SHUTTLE PROVIDED)	MASTER MASON COTTAGE
12:00 AM TO 2:00 PM	"THE PIT" OPENLS FOR BBQ SAMPLES	"THE PIT" AT MHCO
12:00 AM	ANNOUNCMLN1 HOMECOMING COURT	MAIN STAGE AT ST. JOHN'S
TBD	ANNOUNCEMENT OF BBQ CONTEST WINNERS	MAIN STAGE AT ST. JOHN'S
12:00 AM to 1:30 PM	LUNCH - UNDER THE OAKS	MHCO CAMPUS
1:30 NOON TO 2:30 PM	MUSIC - <i>too MUCH StylwA</i>	MAIN STAGE AT ST. JOHN'S
1:30 PM TO 3:00 PM	OPEN HOUSE TOURS - SCHOOL OF GRAPHIC ARTS	SCHOOL OF GRAPHIC ARTS
2:30 PM TO 3:00 PM	MHCO ALUMNI REFLECTIONS AT GOD'S HALF ACRE	CEMETERY
3:00 PM	CAMPUS CLOSED	
3:00 PM	WILKERSON COLLEGE LODGE 760	ORPHAN'S LODGE
8:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT	HOMECOMING ALUMNI DANCE	GRANVILLE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB
SUNDAY, OCT. 9, 2022	EVENT	LOCATION
10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE	YORK RITE CHAPEL
11:00 AM	OOVA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	YORK RITE CHAPEL
12:00 PM TO 1:30 PM	SUNDAY LUNCH UNDER THE OAKS	PICNIC SHELFER
12:00 NOON TO 2:00 PM	MUSEUM OPEN	CORR CENTER
3:00 PM	END OF MASONIC HOMECOMING FESTIVAL 2022	



Shout out to Stedman Lodge for their recent donation!



We have new apparel for Homecoming! LuAnne and Tina are wearing the new Quarter Zip sweatshirts embroidered with OO and MHCO Logos. Come get yours!