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### **Metrolina Gay Married Men Forming Charlotte Chapter**

Are you a gay male married to a woman and have no one to discuss related problems with? Help may be on the way.

A support group of gay married men is now in a formative stage for the Charlotte/Metrolina area. Plans now are to have an organizational meeting on Tuesday evening, April 16th, to see if there is enough interest to form a group.

The support group is open to married men and will discuss various issues of being both gay and married to a woman. Metrolina Gay Married Men is being initiated by two local men who have a need for a discreet forum of exchange and support.

"Men in our situations have particular problems not regularly addressed in local support groups. We definitely do not see MGMM as an alternative to professional counseling for those who need it. We want only to develop a supportive circle of friends who can understand, through their own experiences, the problems of fellow members.

"Face it, these are not the sort of issues you can casually chat about at the Rotary Club or with all the parents of the kids' soccer

Closeted men as well as those who are open to their wives are welcome. Sensitive to the concerns of confidentiality and discretion, only first names are needed.

If you are interested in attending the organizational meeting, call the Switchboard (704) 525-6128 and leave your name and number to be reached at a later time. If telephoning is not possible, write to Boxholder, P.O. Box 19524, Charlotte, NC 28219.

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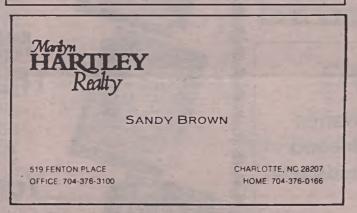
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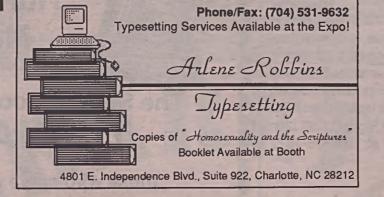
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#### First Tuesday Publishes 'Outing' Position

By John Owens Special to Q-Notes

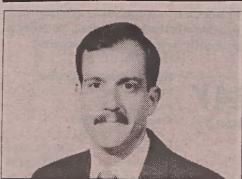
At the February general meeting of FIRST TUESDAY Association for Gay and Lesbian Equality, the subject was "outing," and with over 60 people in attendance, the information and opinions exchanged were as diverse as the people in attendance. As a result of that meeting, the Board of Directors has released the following statement, which was approved by the membership at the March general meeting:

First Tuesday Association for Gay and Lesbian Equality encourages pride and empowerment through visibility. Honesty about who we are is essential in creating a healthy environment for all individuals. First Tuesday acknowledges the personal nature of this decision and the various levels at which each person experiences this process.

While First Tuesday realizes the detrimental effects of homophobia within our community, as an organi-

zation, we choose not to use the tactic of outing. We look forward to the day when honesty about one's sexual orientation is the norm rather than the exception.

The Board of Directors would like to thank all those who participated in the open forum for enabling them to make a decision that they feel is in the best interest of the organization.



Rev. Frank C. Beard

#### MCC Greenville To Install New Pastor

By Nancy Campbell Q-Notes Staff

Rev. Frank C. Beard will be officially installed as Pastor of MCC Greenville, South Carolina, at special services on Sunday, May 19. Rev. Rod Bragg of MCC Nashville, Tennessee, will preach at the installation service.

service.

Rev. Beard, who is a native of Tennessee, holds earned degrees from the University of Tennessee and from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He served

eleven years as a United Methodist pastor.

At MCC of the Rockies in Denver,
Colorado, Rev. Beard served as Minister of
Pastoral Care and Counselling. He assumed
duties as Pastor of MCC Greenville on
February 1, 1991.

MCC Greenville was founded January 31, 1982. It holds Sunday worship services at 7:00 p.m. at 37 E. Hillcrest Drive in Greenville.

For more information about the church and its ministry, call (803) 233-0919.