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Cary—Grand Secretary Robert P. Dudley and Grand Master Leslie H. Garner at the opening of ceremonies for laying the cornerstone of Cary Lodge 198 on March 28.

Cary Lodge Cornerstone Laid by Grand Master

Cary—The new temple of Cary Lodge 198 is being constructed on a hilly and wooded site of striking beauty, and its completion will see still another handsome lodge building added to North Carolina's rapidly growing array.

Grand Master Leslie H. Garner laid the cornerstone for the new edifice on March 28; assisted by Grand Lodge officers and by the officers and members of the lodge.

Grand Secretary Robert P. Dudley served as Grand Marshal. Other Grand Lodge officials present included Grand Steward Jack Honeycutt, Grand Tyler Marvin Wilson, Grand Lecturer Gil English, and District Deputy Grand Masters William Langley (24), Norman Miller (25), Eddie Stiles (26) and William Durham (32). R. G. McCubbin, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of South Australia was a guest for the occasion.

The following officers and members of Cary Lodge assisted in the ceremony: Master Charles Dixon, Senior Warden Robert Chunn, Junior Warden Paul Davis, Secretary Thomas Jenkins, Junior Deacon William Nowell, Stewards William Medford and William Michie, Tyler Carson Clippard, Chaplain Milton Varner, Members Vance Miller and Loddie Bryan, and Past Masters Thomas Cannon, Harry Holland, Woodley Kennedy, George Fox and Douglas Eaker.

Grand Master Garner introduced Grand Lodge officials present and Past Master Holland introduced others in the audience.

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Two March Dedications Deep Run and Havelock

Provincial Grand Master

Joseph Montfort

In 1771 the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England was Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, Marquis and Earl of Worcester, Earl of Glamorgan, Viscount Grosmont, Baron Herbert, Lord of Ragland Chepstow and Gower, Baron Beaufort of Caldecot Castle. Masonic history usually satisfies itself with referring to him simply as the Duke of Beaufort.

On January 14, 1771 the Duke of Beaufort issued a commission to Joseph Montfort, Master of Royal White Hart Lodge (now No. 2), in Halifax, which commission read as follows: KNOW YE that we, of the Great Trust and Confidence reposed in our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother, Joseph Montfort, Esquire, of Halifax, in the Province of North Carolina, in America Do hereby Constitute and Appoint him the said Joseph Montfort, Provincial Grand Master of and for America, with full power and Authority in due form to make Masons and Constitute and Regulate Lodges, as occasion may require . . . (Anyone wishing to read the commission in its entirety will find it reproduced on Page V in the front of THE CODE.)

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Adding to the rapidly growing number of North Carolina lodges occupying new buildings, Pleasant Hill Lodge 304 at Deep Run and Cherry Point Lodge 688 at Havelock had their new lodge halls dedicated by Grand Master Leslie H. Garner last month. The Deep Run dedication was on March 18 and the Havelock dedication was March 19.

Each of the new buildings is one-story and each is a spacious and well-appointed temple that adds to the image of Freemasonry in its community. Members of the general public attended each dedication and, with the Masons, filled the available seats.

The Grand Master presided over both ceremonies, assisted in each instance by Grand Secretary Robert P. Dudley.

Those attending at Deep Run included Grand Tyler Marvin D. Wilson, Horace Small (DDGM-11) and Ray Newell (DDGM-7). At Havelock the audience included Past Grand Masters Robert L. Pugh, Alfred A. Kafer and S. Frank Noble, Grand Tyler Wilson and Harry Rivers (DDGM-8).

The Master of the lodge filled his role at each dedication, Jimmie Williams at Deep Run and Jack O'Rourke at Havelock. Fred Harper served as Principal Architect at Deep Run and Past Master Tom Cathey filled that role at Havelock.

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In the picture at left above Grand Master Leslie H. Garner is flanked by Past Masters Dal Harper (left) and Francis Mellette at Pleasant Hill 304's dedication, and in the center picture he is with Past Masters Gene Lewis (left) and B. T. Sears at the dedication of Cherry Point 688. Jack O'Rourke, Master of 688 is at top right and Jimmie Williams, Master of 304 is at bottom right.