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## We Do Not Live By Fiction Alone

*Greensboro — The fiction section in the Masonic and Eastern Star Home's library is a hot spot. It doesn't satisfy every appetite though. Christine Dellinger, resident and de facto librarian there, says they need an encyclopedia. The most current(?) one is a 1958 edition that's missing several volumes. Is Sputnik even in that thing? Maybe someone out there can help get a newer, more complete version.*

## Montfort Commission Returned Home

Raleigh — The Montfort Commission is back. It had been missing since July 1, 1991. The document, making North Carolinian Joseph Montfort "Provincial Grand Master of and for America," was stolen from the Grand Lodge offices in Raleigh 2½ years after its signing in England. Few held any hope of

seeing it again after the theft.

In July, police in Vestal, New York were investigating a burglary there. They were examining the contents of a rented storage facility when they found computers and other office

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## NC Masons To Aid Vaccination Program

Most Masons can remember the times when children were terrorized by frequent and serious diseases. They were a fact of life and a threat to life.

Measles, mumps, diphtheria, whooping cough, and German measles were among those which we knew. Polio was the most frightening with large outbreaks crippling and killing children each summer.

Over the past few decades, science has given us vaccines which have put these villains under control. The diseases already named, as well as tetanus and Haemophilus influenzae type b, can currently be prevented with proper immunization. Every state requires, by law, that children be vaccinated before starting school.

Shots don't just save kids the threat and misery of these illnesses. They save us money. Each dollar spent on childhood immunization saves ten dollars in later medical costs.

So, why are cases of mumps up 600% and measles reports increased by 900% since 1988?

It's because kids just aren't getting the shots. Among two-year-olds, four out of ten have not gotten all their shots. The state health department has set a goal for the year 2000. They want to improve that to "age appropriately immunizing at least 90% of our children by their second birthday."

That's where we, as Masons, come in. As one of the most widespread community organizations in the state, we have the "potential to reach all of North Carolina's preschool children." We hope to become a central focus of the Immunization Action Plan. District deputy grand masters should already be working with local health departments on the beginnings of the plan and our place in it.

It's a great opportunity for us to help our neighborhoods. We can make our communities better places to live as well as making Freemasonry better known and better respected.

On a statewide level, beginning in 1994, we will join state and local health depart-

ments in declaring the first Saturday in each November "Immunization Day." This part of the plan is to keep the issue in the minds of the public year-round. The Grand Lodge will be working to help develop materials to help you and your local health department keep parents thinking about protecting their kids.

Locally, district deputy grand masters are contacting your health department looking for ways we can help them better reach our children. The state will pay for vaccines and local health departments will furnish health professionals to administer them. What will we do?

That should be tailored toward the needs of your community and the abilities of area Masons.

Some of you may be able to furnish transportation to clinics. Lodge buildings might make great locations for one- or two-day clinics, helping bring vaccinations closer to those who need them but lack a way to get to distant facilities. Some

of you may be able to help educate through your local schools, churches, or news media. Possibilities are limited

only by your imagination and labor.

This is not a one year plan. It is a commitment to our children and our communities. According to Grand Master Rick Moore, "We want this program to be a long term success, and you are the key." Write to the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee about your ideas and plans. Let them know how we can help. Your success or failure with an idea can be of great value to another district in their efforts.

This could be a nationally important initiative. In her letter to health department directors, Annette Byrd, Immunization Branch head said, "Through your efforts, this will become a model [community based organization] collaboration, that helps to accomplish our goal of fully immunizing every child by its second birthday."

That's good for you, your neighbors, and the image of Freemasonry.



**HEALTH IS A PRIZE WHEN YOU IMMUNIZE**

## Freemasonry Central To University Celebration

# UNC Enters Third Century

Our tale is complex. It comes in part from well-established historical sources and in part from the oral history of the McCauley family to which one of us (KBN) belongs. The first question is, "Why was the University placed at New Hope Chapel Hill?"

One version is related to General William R. Davie's drinking habits. It has been said that, while having lunch in the vicinity of the Davie Poplar, he was overcome and made the decision to locate the University there when he awoke. The truth is more prosaic: it was the outcome of a complicated political process. The General Assembly decided in January 1792 that the University should be located near the center of the state. The trustees then decided that it should be located within 15 miles of either Raleigh, Hillsborough, Pittsboro, Smithfield, two sites in Granville County, or Cyprett's Bridge across New Hope Creek. The latter was chosen when all the courthouse towns were eliminated and the Granville County sites found unsuitable. A committee visited several potential sites in the target area, and Chapel Hill was selected because its bid was the largest: 1290 acres of land and about \$1500 in cash! Professor Archibald Henderson attributes the winning Orange County bid to the covert activities of James Hogg, a friend of Davie's and a member of the selection committee. Now, who were the McCauleys and what role did they play?

Matthew McCauley and his brother William emigrated from County Antrim, Northern Ireland, to the Carolinas before the Revolutionary War. They bought land in Orange County — so named to honor the Protestants of Northern Ireland — and prospered. Matthew, the younger, had been involved in a scrape

in Ireland and had to be smuggled out of the country in a molasses cask. He acquired the nickname "Bung" because William had fed him through the bung-hole of the cask until they were well out to sea.

Both McCauleys donated land for the University, Matthew 150 and William 100 acres. Matthew ("Bung") operated a grist mill on Morgan's Creek at the site of the present University Lake dam and was reputed to make the best Irish whiskey in the state. Both were present at the laying of the cornerstone of Old East on

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## Coming Up In October

Chapel Hill — When Masons laid the cornerstone for Old East, the first building at the University of North Carolina, they also laid the foundation for a radical new concept — educational democracy. No longer would a university education be limited to an aristocracy of a privileged few.

October 11-12 will mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that dedication and the begin-

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A mural in the old Franklin Street Post Office in Chapel Hill portrays one version of the laying of the cornerstone.