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Join NCAMC

Know a clerk or deputy clerk who wants to join NCAMC? Encourage them! For membership information, email committee chair Jeanne Giblin, CMC, at:

mcclerk@bizec.rr.com

Now, join IIMC

If you have joined the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks and are wondering what else you can do to grow in your profession, you definitely need to consider joining the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. IIMC is the certifying arm for clerks worldwide. For more information go to the website:

www.iimc.com

President Bigley's February Message:

News from IIMC regional

Dear Fellow Clerks:

I have just returned from Hoover, Alabama, where the IIMC Region III Conference was held at the Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort and Spa. Vice President Josann Campanello and I met in Atlanta and flew from there to Birmingham, where the hotel furnished a shuttle for the remaining drive about thirty minutes away.

The architecture of the hotel reminded me of a Scottish Castle with its stone facade and turrets on its corners where you might expect Rapunzel to let down her hair at any time. As a matter of fact, 365 days a year, a Scottish bagpiper serenades the guests in several areas of the golf course and terraces of the hotel just before sunset. What a beautiful sight and sound.

On Wednesday, Past Presidents Dianne Pierce-Tamplen, MMC, Elizabeth City, and Wanda Elks, MMC, Greenville, joined us. We attended several great educational sessions and, of course, enjoyed great food. The session that stands out most to me addressed managing email by sorting it into several different folders in "Outlook Express" under "My Documents."

The Region III Business Meeting was held on Friday morning and was a real eye opener for a lot of us. I know that you have read in the IIMC News Digest and maybe even heard a few rumors about the "severe financial crisis" that IIMC has been experiencing for some time. As a matter of fact, the IIMC Board of Directors found it necessary to increase our IIMC Membership dues as one means of bringing the budget back to "revenue neutral".

Our friend, Dale Barstow, also reported that MCEF (educational funding source) has made available substantial funds that may be used to help IIMC pay its bills that have become delinquent and any other necessary expense they



A Scottish bagpiper entertained guests at the IIMC Region III Conference, including NCAMC Vice President Josann Campanello, left, and NCAMC President Beverly Bigley. (Photo provided)

may need at this time. If used, these funds must be paid back to MCEF with interest.

While all of this information was somewhat overwhelming, we were assured by Vice President Dyanne Reese that she and the Region III Directors were doing everything possible to help get the financial situation back on track and return the authority of the organization back to its members where it should have been all along.

It will take some time for this huge organization (over 10,000 members) to get back on its feet. All I can suggest at this time is to monitor the situation very closely and make sure that we, as members with an interest, hold its elected officials accountable for all budgeted line items.

By the end of the meeting, a motion was

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Littleton's Historical Coach Stop: Person's Ordinary

By Shelia Taylor, CMC
District 5 Director

Person's Ordinary, the last of the coach stop inns in North Carolina, is a quaint pre-revolutionary structure located on its original site in Littleton. That site is on the old high school grounds, which were at one time owned by the Warren County Board of Education. It was in existence as a coach stop and relay station on the old post road from Hillsborough to Halifax. It was built by General Thomas Person on land granted to him by Charles II through the Earl of Granville.

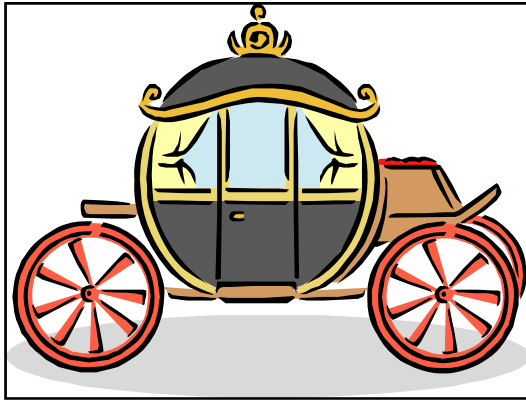
At that time, it was a part of Butte County. When General Person died, this portion of his estate was inherited by his sister, Ann Person Little, and later was purchased by her son, Williams Person Little. In 1760, a license to operate a tavern in the Ordinary was issued to Thomas Person and later, Ann Person Little and William Person Little continued to operate it there.

It was said it was called an "Ordinary" because just ordinary folks stopped there although many quite out-of-the ordinary folks did stop there: Aaron Burr on his way from Butte Courthouse at the time of his trial; Lafayette; Cornwallis; Tarleton; and later, Horace Greeley.

According to stories, there were also several duels that took place at the Ordinary, and blood stains can still be seen on

the floor of an upstairs room. For a time, a contingent to Green's troops bivouacked in the oak grove, which surrounded the Ordinary, before a company of Virginia riflemen joined them on their trek to Yorktown.

In 1820, William Little ran an advertisement in the Fayetteville Intelligence saying that young men wishing to attain certain educational advantage could board at Person's Ordinary while they had instructions from Learned tutors he employed at nearby Little Manor (later Mosby Hall) where he lived. Person's Ordinary harbored troops during the Civil War and within its walls lay the beginning of Littleton Female College. In more recent times, it was used as a shop for the Agriculture Department of Littleton High School. In 1954 Hurricane Hazel tore off a chimney, and it became an abandoned ruin.



Restoration of Person's Ordinary was under taken by The Littleton Woman's Club under the auspices of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History. This was funded by an appropriation from the North Carolina State Legislature, gifts from the North Carolina Preservation Society and contributions of money and materials by interested person and local industries. Person's Ordinary is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Shelia Taylor, CMC, is the Clerk of Littleton.

News from around the Association

Congratulations to Nelda Johnson, who has been named Clerk of La Grange upon the retirement of Phyllis Harrison. Good luck in your new responsibilities, Nelda!

Jackie Robinson has replaced Terry Gallman as Town Clerk of Maxton effective this month. We're sure you'll do a fine job, Jackie!

Scott Howard, the Town Clerk and Finance Officer

for Marshville, has announced via the ClerkNet that he will be leaving within a few weeks. We will miss you, Scott, but best of luck in this new chapter in your life!



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Determining your NCAMC district

Nominating Committee looking to fill director, officer slots on board

The North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks has seen a lot of changes among its clerks in recent months. This was evidenced by the

large number of new clerks present at the Clerks' School held in late January at the Sheraton. Many Clerks appeared uncertain of which district their municipality is located. At left is a guide to helping you figure out your district and region.

The NCAMC Nominating Committee is gearing up to present a slate of officer candidates to the NCAMC Board of Directors in June. Please take a moment to read the following information and consider how you could serve your Association.

It is important that our organization continue to remain strong, with Officers and Directors who are committed to making sure the Association meets and exceeds its purpose "to provide means whereby efficiency and improvements may be achieved in the operation of the clerks' offices in the cities and towns of North Carolina."

Each year during the August annual conference, a slate of officers and director candidates is presented by the Nominating Committee for your approval during the annual business meeting. Enclosed in this newsletter (**See Page 4**) is an Interest Form for those interested in serving as an officer or director of the

North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks.

As you read the form and the requirements to serve, please think about what the Association has done for you and, now, what you can do for it. NCAMC provides us all with many educational sessions, the opportunity to network and exchange ideas, and last, but not least, a wonderful fellowship with others who share your interests.

In 2007, the positions open are **Directors** for *Districts II, IV, VI, VIII, X and XII*; **Recording Secretary and Second Vice President**. For your convenience, requirements for these positions are indicated on the applicable form on Page 4.

Take a few minutes to talk with your Manager/Board and seek their support for your interest to serve. Let them know that the dedication of your service reflects favorably upon your municipality. Then, take a few minutes to complete the form so you may be considered for nomination.

All forms should be directed to Lisa Vierling, MMC, at the City of High Point. Her address and fax number are listed at the bottom of the form.

The deadline is April 15, 2007.

Region	District	To Determine Your District, Please find your County
I	1	Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington
	2	Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Hyde, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico
	3	Bladen, Brunswick Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, Pender, Sampson
II	4	Greene, Johnston, Lenoir, Pitt, Wayne, Wilson
	5	Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Nash, Northampton, Warren
	6	Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake
III	7	Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Moore, Robeson, Scotland
	8	Anson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Richmond, Stanly, Union
	9	Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes
IV	10	Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Iredell, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin
	11	Lincoln, McDowell, RutherfordBurke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston,
	12	Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Swain, Transylvania, Yancey

NCAMC Officer and Director Interest Form

(Director Candidates for Districts II, IV, VI, VIII, X, XII)

NAME _____ TITLE _____

MUNICIPALITY _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____

NCAMC DISTRICT NUMBER: _____ CMC? _____ MMC? _____

YEARS AS MUNICIPAL CLERK _____ YEARS AS NCAMC MEMBER _____

Activities in which you have been involved in NCAMC (committees, etc.) _____

I am interested in serving in the following capacity (check all that apply):

Second Vice President _____
Recording Secretary _____
District Director _____

If interested in serving as an officer (Second Vice President or Recording Secretary), the NCAMC Constitution requires that you be an active member of the Association for at least five years and that you have served one full term on the Board of Directors. List years you have served in this capacity: _____

Candidates for the Board of Directors shall have been active members of the Association for at least three years. It is desirable, but not required, that candidates for the Board of Directors have achieved CMC designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

I feel that I am qualified to serve in this office because:

Send Completed Interest form by April 15, 2007, to:

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC
City of High Point
P.O. Box 230
High Point, NC 27261
Fax: 336-883-3872
Email: lisa.vierling@highpointnc.gov
Faxed or mailed forms will be accepted.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SPRING MMC ACADEMIES ARE COMING!

The Spring Master Municipal Clerks Academies (MMCA) are scheduled and waiting for your registration and attendance. Registration materials were mailed to all NCAMC members in early January. Two sessions of an identical one-day program are offered so you will have a choice between two central locations across the State as well as two different dates.

Ms. Jean Bailey, Rocky Mount City Clerk, will host the Region I and II Academy at the Imperial Center in the City of Rocky Mount on Friday, February 23, 2007. Ms. Jill Chunn, Concord City Clerk, will host the Region III and IV Academy in Concord at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Resort and Conference Center on Friday, March 16, 2007.

The Academy will feature Mr. Mike Hefner, an internationally known Leadership and Management Consultant. Mike is uniquely talented in change management, culture development, communication skills, leading teams, project management, and behavioral-based safety. Prior to founding Hefner Consultants in 1997, Mike spent 23 years in the US Navy as a Master Training Specialist and Quality Consultant. Many Clerks will remember Mike from our Spring MMC Academies in 2004 where his program was so well received that we have been asked time and again to have him back for another session.

Mike's topic for this one day seminar is called "*Becoming a Proactive Leader.*" Is there a secret formula to being an effective leader? How do great leaders inspire their teams? Why do some teams shine over others? The great leaders of today are passionate about leading. They believe that they only succeed when those they lead succeed. The proactive leader is always learning, willing to listen, and has a vision for the future. With a vision, the leader is able to prioritize goals and move from the present to the future. This program will help you identify and develop leadership skills that will have others asking questions about your leadership style and what you do to inspire those you lead. You will learn skills that will help you become a more effective, proactive leader. The objectives for this session are: (1) identify skills to help you become a great leader; (2) explain how to communicate more effectively by listening to understand rather than to be understood; (3) identify how to build teams that are focused, have a vision, and enjoy working together; (4) develop a plan for improving your public service; and (5) have fun.

This workshop has been customized especially for Municipal Clerks and it is designed to bring a wealth of wisdom and information to Academy attendees. Mike says this program will be educational, interactive, and FUN!

You do not have to be registered in the MMCA Program to attend. You may attend at either location regardless of your Region. Registration materials can be downloaded at the NCAMC website, www.ioq.unc.edu/organizations/clerks/ncamc/index.html, or I will be happy to fax, mail, or email one to you. Just contact me, Carmen Miracle, Program and Education Chair, at (910) 938-5224 or cmiracle@ci.jacksonville.nc.us.

IIMC regional update continued

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passed unanimously to request that the IIMC Board of Directors reconsider holding the 2010 Annual Conference in a more economical location than Sydney, Australia.

We also asked that all members receive a copy of the IIMC Budget at least every quarter in the News Digest.

The 2008 IIMC Regional Meeting will be in Greenville, South Carolina. This will be a lot closer for many of us to get approval to attend especially for Western North Carolina.

Congratulations to all who have received CMC/MMC status or advanced in MMCA.

GO TEAM!

**Beverly Bigley, CMC
NCAMC President**



North Carolina attendees at the IIMC Regional were, from left, NCAMC Vice President Campanello; Past Presidents Wanda Elks and Dianne Pierce-Tamplen and NCAMC President Bigley. (Photo Provided)



February 2007

The monthly NCAMC Calendar is prepared for you by Dawn Davis, CMC, Deputy City Clerk, High Point.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Brandi Ashe Camela Dungee	2	3
4 Bernice Cato	5	6 Mary Flack Amy Candler Connie Spell	7 Regina Rosy Ernestine Murphy	8 Lisa Markland	9	10 Linda Bethune
11 Susan Powell	12 Vickie Best	13	14 Dianne Starnes	15 Freida Van Allen Peggy Hinshaw	16	17 Amy Johnson
18	19	20	21	22 Teresa Williford Cristal Jenkins	23	24 Laney Mitchell
25 Virginia Creighton Tina Woolard Amy Falowski Marie Garris	26	27 Jeanin Barus Joyce Bailey	28			