

THE MASON

Fourth Generation Master

St. Patrick's Lodge No. 617



It was an honor for St. Patrick's Lodge No. 617 in Princeton to install their first 4th generation Master.

His predecessors were: Oscar L. Boyette in 1947 his Great Granddaddy, Ben G. Boyette in 1968 his Granddaddy and Scott E. Boyette in 1993 his Daddy.

Scotty was also honored with his personal gavel that stated: Scott E. Boyette Jr. – Master 2024. Given to him by his Daddy who is very proud and excited for his year in the East.



Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls - Grand Miss Service

Orient Lodge No. 395

Lexi Szakasits was elected as the Grand Miss Service for the Grand Assembly of North Carolina International Order of the Rainbow for Girls for 2024-2025. Lexi is following in the footsteps of her older sister Caroline Szakasits who was Grand Miss Service from 2019-2020. They are the first sisters to be Grand Miss Service. Lexi's project is called Buddy Bags which benefits the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. Lexi is so excited to partner with the Rainbow Girls across the state to collect donations for the Masonic Home for Children this year.



The Grand Master and Grand Marshall were in attendance at this Grand Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls of North Carolina.

Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven

Shriners Imperial Session



Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven of Summerville, South Carolina, is beginning his first year of his first three-year term on the Shriners Children's Board of Trustees. He was elected during the Shriners 2024 Imperial Session held June 30 – July 4 in Reno, Nevada. He is serving his 12th year as a member of the Joint Boards. Craven served as Imperial Potentate for Shriners International during the 2022-23 Imperial year. Imperial Sir Kenny is a member of Shallotte No. 727, Shallotte, NC



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70-Year Service Award

Louisburg Lodge No. 413



Worshipful Brother Burt Pearson, Past Master of Louisburg Lodge No. 413, presents Brother Frank Read his 70-year service award and pin.



Furniture Delivered at MHC0

Masonic Home for Children



Southern Pines hosts MHC0

Southern Pines Lodge No. 484



Elizabeth making snowcones.

Southern Pines Lodge No. 484 recently hosted Masonic Home for Children - Oxford Administrator Kevin Otis, his wife and two residents, the Southern Pines No. 484 adoptees Elizabeth and her brother Chase.

The occasion was First Friday in Southern Pines which the lodge uses as a fundraiser for MHC0. The town closes the street, has various food and beverage vendors along the street and provides a free concert at the nearby town bandstand. Elizabeth and Chase joined us in selling snow cones, popcorn and soft drinks. It is always a pleasure for our lodge members to interact with our staff and residents.



Chase is working on Popcorn

Re-Dedication of Masonic Hall

Allen-Graham/Cabarrus No. 695



On July 13, 2024 at 10:00, Grand Master Don Kehler, opened a special session of the North Carolina Grand Lodge to perform a Re-dedication of a Masonic Hall to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for the Kannapolis Masonic Center.

Dignitaries in attendance included; Darrell Hinnant, Kannapolis City Mayor; Dianne Berry, Kannapolis City Council, and Jeanne Dixon, Kannapolis City Council.

There were 29 Masons in attendance which included three Brothers from Mt. Zion Lodge No. 26 PHA. There were 11 guests in attendance. A roll of the craft and visitors are preserved in the archives of the lodge.



The MW Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in ample form and then dispensed with labor. Guests and dignitaries were brought into the lodge and the ceremony of re-dedication was performed.



PM/Ladies Night

Vanceboro Lodge No. 433



Vanceboro Masonic Lodge No. 433 hosted its annual Past Masters and Ladies Night at the Lodge on September 17. Past Master Warren Taylor presented 50-year Service Awards to Past Master Richard E. Crawford and Bro. George Sawyer. Past Master Chad Braxton was Awarded 25-year Service Award. Past Master Robert Ipock was presented the Outstanding Service and Dedication to Freemasonry Award and several Masonic Widow's Pin were presented.

Brunswick Stew in Butner

Durham Lodge No. 352



On Saturday, October 10, several brothers from Durham 352 came up to the Veterans Life Center of North Carolina in Butner to cook up some Brunswick stew for the veterans! It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and sharing our Masonic light to friends and brothers alike!

Toys to LEO for Kids

Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 690

Brothers Andy Setzer and Rick Rhyne from Mt. Moriah No. 690 have headed up a program to distribute stuffed animals to local law enforcement. The toys will be carried with officers and given to children who may be experiencing a traumatic experience. The mission is to bring some small comfort to these kids at a time when their life may be unsettled.



Pictured receiving the stuffed animals are (left to right) Seth Stevenson and Marla Powell from the NC Highway Patrol, Andy Setzer from Mt. Moriah Lodge, Iredell County Sheriff Darren Campbell, Kathleen Pope and Kezlan Johnson from the Statesville Police Department.

Supplies to Western NC

Kernersville Lodge No. 669



Kernersville Lodge No. 669 member Will Morgan recently transported supplies to Western, NC to assist those affected by Hurricane Helene. These supplies were donated by the members of Kernersville Lodge.

Veterans Appreciation Dinner

Unity Lodge No. 482



On November 9th, 2024 Polk County Unity Lodge 482 held a Veterans Appreciation Dinner for veterans in the area consisting of smoked turkey, smoked ham, dressing, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and various other dishes and desserts. This was the first year for this event as the Lodge plans to continue this annually moving forward.



Hurricane Helene Relief

NC Masonic Foundation

Thanks to the incredible generosity of donors from across North Carolina, the nation, and beyond, the North Carolina Masonic Foundation has raised over \$329,000 for Hurricane Helene relief efforts. To date, we've distributed more than \$134,000 to assist brothers and families in Western North Carolina impacted by the disaster.

If someone in your lodge has been affected, please share this application with them and encourage them to apply for assistance via the link below.

[Hurricane Relief Application](#)