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Top-Ten and Friends Top, left to right, Fifth Place finisher Carter McGee, McGee Brothers Company; Contest Vice-Chairman and Master of Ceremonies Doug Burton; Fourth Place finisher Ovel Hernandez, Carolina Masonry Unlimited; Third Place finisher Grant Haney, McGee Brothers Company; North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association President Danks Burton; Second Place Finisher Bayden Huntley and 2021's New Champion Mason Saunders, both of Huntley Brothers Company; Contest Chairman Calvin Brodie; North Carolina Community Colleges President Thomas Stith; and Kathryn Castellones, Director, ApprenticeshipNC. Bottom, left to right: Sixth Place finisher Colter McGee, McGee Brothers Company; Seventh Place finisher Anderson Pruet, Harrington Masonry; Eighth Place finisher Joshua Queen, McGee Brothers Company; Ninth Place finisher Levi Desjardins, Carolina Masonry & Concrete; and Tenth Place finisher Blaize Myers, McGee Brothers Company. Inset: New Champion Mason Saunders.

Saunders Wins at the Fair

RALEIGH - Twenty-year-old Mason Saunders, an apprentice with Huntley Brothers Company in Mint Hill, is the Champion of the 2021 Annual ApprenticeshipNC North Carolina State Fair Masonry Apprentice Masonry Skills Contest held October 18th in Raleigh.

The rest of the fair contest top-ten respectively were Bayden Huntley, Huntley Brothers Company; Grant Haney, McGee Brothers Company; Ovel Hernandez, Carolina Masonry Unlimited; Carter McGee, McGee Brothers Company; Colter McGee, McGee Brothers Company; Anderson Pruet, Harrington Masonry; Joshua Queen, McGee Brothers Company; Levi Desjardins, Carolina Masonry & Concrete; and Blaize Myers, McGee Brothers Company.

The new champion is the son of Scotty and Mar-

garet Saunders and lives in Mount Pleasant.

Mason is a graduate of Mount Pleasant High School where he studied masonry with instructors Ryan Shaver and Cody Alward. "My freshman year I had one of a kind, Ryan Shaver, as my masonry instructor. He taught me the basics and helped me establish my foundation to masonry. When sophomore year began, I didn't have an instructor, but it wasn't long before Mr. Cody Alward came along as instructor. He saw from day one and knew I had a talent that not many people have. So he continued to work with me as long as I wanted."

As a Mount Pleasant High School masonry student, Mason brought home the National SkillsUSA Masonry Championship in 2018 after finishing First

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Message From the President

For NCMCA, and probably the whole world, 2021 started off a little slow with things still delayed and/or canceled due to COVID. We missed SkillsUSA and our Spring convention plus a few other local events.

Starting in May when the McGee's successfully hosted the Sam McGee Apprentice Contest, the association has been full steam ahead.

It was a busy Fall with many great association events. Thanks to all the hosts, sponsors, organizers, and participants in our events – board meeting, golf tournament, State Fair apprentice contest, Masonry Education Day, recognition nights, local chapter meetings and many others.

A new year is right around the corner and our masonry associations don't waste anytime getting started. We have a board meeting January 5th, Raleigh chapter golf outing is January 14-16 and World of Masonry in Las Vegas starts January 17th.

There are many ways to get involved with our

association and I hope you will consider them.

Please be sure to read comments in this newsletter from Ryan Shaver. NCMCA and Ryan are leading the way in workforce development and training. If Ryan calls on you for help, please give him everything he needs.

The holiday season is upon us and my wish for each and everyone is for you to have a happy one. Hopefully it is a time for you to slow down a bit, enjoy time with family and friends, get away from work for hunting or a ballgame, and be thankful for the things we have. I'm thankful for my family, employees, and my masonry family – NCMCA.

This may be the last time you hear from me until the January 5th board meeting, so Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Danks Burton CME

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Andy-the-Cat Productions

Recognition Night 2021 In November, the Metrolina Chapter held its Annual Recognition Night dinner to honor local apprentices who have won masonry competitions over the last year. Pictured top, left to right, Metrolina Chapter President Brandon Hartsell; North Carolina Eighth District US Congressman Richard Hudson who was on hand to help congratulate the apprentices and provided comments; Mason Saunders of Huntley Brothers Company who won the October Annual North Carolina State Fair Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest and placed second in the May 2021 NCMCA Samuel A. McGee Memorial Apprentice Skills Contest; Grant Helms of Helms Masonry, winner of the 2021 Sam McGee Memorial Contest with a rare perfect score and winner of the 2021 Mason Contractors Association of America (MCAA) Apprentice Challenge Skills Contest, third year, at Las Vegas in June; NCMCA President Danks Burton; and MCAA Chairman Paul Oldham who flew in from Indiana for the event. Bottom, left to right, Grant Haney of McGee Brothers Company, who finished in third place at the State Fair Contest; Christian Kluttz of Huntley Brothers Company, fourth place in the Sam McGee Contest; Bayden Huntley, Huntley Brothers Company, second place in the State Fair Contest and fifth place in the Sam McGee contest; and NCMCA Workforce Development & Training Coordinator Ryan Shaver. Cyress Brown won third place in the Sam McGee Contest but was not present for the picture. The apprentices and their families were hosted for a low country boil dinner prepared by chef and journeyman mason Jerry Talley and sponsored by Huntley Brothers Company, the Metrolina Chapter and Porter Family's Farmstead Wedding Venue in Mount Pleasant. The event included special recognition of Veterans Day.



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We send our warmest wishes for a
very Merry Christmas and a Happy,
Healthy, Safe and Successful
New Year!



Thank you all for your continued trust and support.
We look forward to serving you, and seeing you, in 2022!

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From the WDTC:

Engage, Excite, Encourage!

By Ryan Shaver

As I travel around the state working with our students and apprentices, I want them to be pumped up for our trade when I leave them!

Morale and attitude often define how productive we are daily. As we get new folks in our trade, it's imperative that we as an industry focus on how we can mentor and train the new recruits instead of seeing how fast we can run them off!

When I started on the job in summer of 1991 while I was still in school, I had a few older seasoned masons that did the three E's and that is what got me to stick with the trade when I graduated high school. Did we work hard daily.... YES, did we have hot conditions.... YES, did we have challenges on the job site with our



Ryan Shaver

work.... YES. But all that didn't stop those guys from making me feel connected with the crew I was on.

I learned a lot of old sayings that were used, such as "The Hotter, The Better". Now was that what that mason meant on a 98 degree day? NO but just joking about the heat was better than having a negative attitude all day that affected the production needed.

I'm sure that the seasoned guys talked junk about "kids nowadays don't want to work" just like today when I hear it from guys my age who came up the same way I did.

I would really like to encourage all of our field guys to think about the people who mentored you to get you where you are today! Every company in the state needs help and we as an industry must make every attempt to engage, excite, and encourage our youth as they enter our trade!

Take the month of December and enjoy the Christmas Season but when January first comes, I want a New Year's resolution for all of us to *Engage, Excite, and Encourage our youth!*

If you need anything and would like to start this

for your company in 2022, please call me! Without you doing this, how will our industry grow? I look forward to 2022 being the best year we have ever had recruiting and training our young people!

Thank you for all you do!

Ryan Shaver is NCMCA Workforce Development & Training Coordinator. Reach him at ryan.shaver@ncmca.com or (704) 791-5240

Raleigh/Murdell 2022

The last Raleigh "Murdell" Golf Tournament along the Grand Strand was 2020. Golf Chairman Doug Burton says, "We raised over \$9,000 for the Raleigh Chapter that year, which put us over \$100,000 that this event has raised over the years – it all goes to masonry promotions." The past two years the chapter has sent \$10,000 to help fund NCMCA workforce development.

Murdell 2022 is Friday January 14 to Sunday January 16. Because of COVID concerns there won't be a bus and a few activities will be modified, but good golf and great fellowship are for sure.

Players and sponsors are solicited. Deadline for registration is December 31. Sign up today: <https://www.ncmca.com/PDF/MurdellGolfRegistration2022.pdf>



Masonry Education Day 2021

Masonry Education Day The West Rowan High School Team of (left picture, left) Peyton Summerall, tender and (left picture, right) Anderson Pruitt, mason, won the October 29th SPEC MIX Jr. Bricklayer 500 regional contest at the Fifth Annual North Carolina Masonry Education Day held at Stalite's Ben Ketchie Park in Gold Hill. The North Stanly High School Team of mason Nathaniel Myers and tender Tad Johnson finished in second place and third place went to the Columbus Career & College Academy team of mason Annayeli Dioniso and tender Leslie Maldonado. With an adjusted total of 745 brick, the McGee Brothers Company team of mason (right picture, left) Wriston McGee and (right picture, right) tender/brother Haran McGee have earned the opportunity to compete in the Las Vegas SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500 in January 2021 at the World of Concrete by winning the North Carolina qualifier at Masonry Education Day. 2021 marks Wriston's third time qualifying for the World Championship. Twelve local teams competed. The SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN award, which goes to the mason with the "most sellable" wall, went to mason David Kelly and mason tender Nick Campbell of Kelly Masonry in Pendleton, SC. Second place went to the brother team of mason Zach McGee and tender Grayson McGee, also with McGee Brothers Company with 598 total brick. Third place went to mason Grant Helms and tender Justice Isenhour of Helms Masonry of Mt. Pleasant with a brick count of 571. As an apprentice, Wriston McGee won what is now known as the Sam McGee Memorial Contest in 2011 and 2012. He won the Annual North Carolina State Fair Contest in 2010. His brother and tender Haran won the state fair contest in 2017. The 20th annual SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 World Championship will be held January 19th, 2022 at the World of Concrete expo in Las Vegas. Hundreds of high school students watched the competitions, participated in masonry exhibits, and met potential future employers at the Gold Hill event. NCMCA's Ryan Shaver, who organized the event, quoted in the *Salisbury Post*, said, "There are 101 high schools across the state with masonry training programs, which exceeds any other state. It's a way to excite them about a possible career in masonry, especially since the average age of masons in North Carolina is around 47." *Photo left courtesy of SPEC MIX, photo right by Judy Johnson*



Upton Recognition On hand for the October recognition dinner of David Bass's 2020 Eleanor Upton Award were, left to right, 2018 Upton recipient David McQueen, David Bass, wife Kim, and son, J.D.

Board Meeting Review

The NCMCA Board of Directors conducted a virtual meeting on September 1, 2021. The following is a summary of that meeting.

Treasurer Cliff McGee reported assets as of the end of August were \$793,077.72, not counting unrealized investment gains, and liabilities were \$110,799.45. Assets included \$109,796.47 in the consolidated local chapter checking account.

Pete Schantz provided a report on the Association's health and benefits program:

September usually ushers in the start of the busiest time of year in the health insurance and benefits world, as many groups and individuals have coverage renewals for the upcoming year and the planning and choices that go along with open enrollment. This year, Covid-19 adds an extra layer of questions and concerns for everyone.

COVID • Waiving Cost-Sharing for COVID-19 Testing: Most every major insurer will continue waiving member cost-sharing (copays, deductibles and coinsurance) for COVID-19-related screening visits and testing until the public health emergency is over.

- COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be provided free of charge to all people living in the US regardless of their immigration or health insurance status.

Group Market: Small group (under 50 employees) segment has slightly increased to 10% -15% on average depending on carrier and group location. This holds true for both ACA, Grandfathered/Transitional and Balanced Funded arrangements. Most plans selected by employers have at least one option with a \$8,550 max out of pocket limit to reduce premiums.

Our clients in the larger group segment, 51 – 1,000 employees have experienced much larger increases – 22% on average, but the spread varies widely from 0% to as much as 50%. Starting the group renewal process as early as possible will be key this year more than ever to secure the highest value. Many options are available with several carriers, but slower turnaround time from underwriters will limit options for those who delay their review.

We have leaned hard on our vendors to release renewals for all groups in this segment through January and have had success in receiving earlier than normal for most. We welcome the opportunity to review any upcoming renewals for any NCMCA partner.

Individual Market: Marketplace Open Enrollment runs November 1st and ends December 15th for coverage that starts January 1, 2022. Blue Cross NC, the largest insurer in the state, announced that the NC Department of Insurance has approved its 2.5% average rate increase for individual ACA plans for 2022. Please note, this is an average, not a hard and fast number for all policies.

We recommend you thoroughly review your options for individual policies to make certain that you understand the benefits and participating providers for your particular plan. Of course, we are here to

Bass Earns 2020 Upton Award

ASHEVILLE - At an October recognition dinner held in Asheville, NCMCA announced David Bass as the recipient of the 2020 NCMCA Eleanor Flowers Upton Award for long-term distinguished and exceptional service and dedication to the Association and the masonry industry by an associate member.

The Upton Award selection committee approved David Bass's nomination in early 2020 and had planned to announce and present the award at the 2020 annual NCMCA spring convention that was canceled because of the pandemic.

David Bass began working with the Asheville company that is now Adams/Oldcastle in March of 1987 after having previous been with 84 Lumber. He retired from Adams in 2019 as an outside sales representative. David has lived in Fairview near Asheville his whole life, attending Fairview Elementary School and A.C. Reynolds High School. He met his wife Kim in Fairview. They have a son J.D. and two grandchildren; Cleveland age four and Clayton, age one. David enjoys golf and "hanging out with the grandchildren."

Adams/Oldcastle Vice President of Sales Gary Hensley said, "There is no greater award in business than being recognized by your customers. We are so excited for David."

David says, "I couldn't have been more blessed with the people that I have met through my career. My very best friends are the ones that were my customers at Oldcastle. I am so honored to have been nominated for this by my customers and then to be able to receive this award is very special. It really is a very special award and I thank all of the people who made this happen."

David was always active in any Land of the Sky Chapter function and served as the chapter secretary-treasurer. Of chapter activities, David says, "High school masonry stands out the most. I really like working with this group."

A video announcement was prepared in the summer of 2021 and was debuted at the Asheville dinner. It is available to view at this YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/3JenGoMzpVQ>



Hosting the Christmas Breakfast David Bass and Adams/Oldcastle made sure the Land of the Sky Chapter enjoyed an Annual Christmas Breakfast. Pictured in 2010, left to right, Becky Hensley, retired from Adams/Oldcastle; Past NCMCA President Larry Kirby; David Bass; and Land of the Sky Chapter President Gary Kitchen.

help any members with guidance and/or placement of coverage.

Mountcastle continues to manage several groups, individual, Medicare supplemental, life, dental, vision and disability policies for NCMCA members. We greatly appreciate our partnership and look forward to seeing everyone soon. We are here to help! Please contact us for assistance with any and all employee benefits issues.

TriSure's John Cramer reported on the Association liability and workers' compensation program:

INSURANCE- 2nd Quarter of 2021 seems to show a strong and active market in the number of bids we have seen across all trades. It is encouraging that the construction industry may remain very strong in 2021, starting in the 2nd quarter. Analysts do predict that the construction industry in NC will fare very well in 2022.

Many times I feel this report is a bit of a "Groundhog's Day" report in that nothing coverage wise or insurance industry wise has really changed in the last several reports. Maybe this is a good thing.

Masonry contractors are continuing to subcontract more work than in previous years. I continue to stress the importance of proper written agreements with Subcontractors. Make sure your company has properly reviewed subcontract agreements and/or purchase orders in place. If in doubt, please contact us and we will be happy to assist.

Experience Mods continue to fluctuate wildly. One claim can easily push a client in excess of 1.00. We will continue to emphasize the importance of Early Return To Work and Light Duty programs for our clients and demonstrating how this reduces their mod.

OCIPS/CCIPS and Sub-guard continue to impact our volume. We do not see an end in sight to these programs. We have been working with clients to advise on key issues with OCIPS/CCIPS-

1. General Liability ONLY OCIPS AND CCIPS are a growing trend and mandatory to participate.
2. Workers Comp should never be in one of these programs if at all avoidable. You lose control of your employee's claim and your future Experience Mod.
3. YOU MUST ENROLL ALL YOUR SUBS! If you fail to, you are in breach of contract and most likely totally UNINSURED!!!!
4. When in doubt, call me!

2022 - Key things to protect your company and future insurance costs:

• PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES. No one really knows when the vaccines will be available to all. .

- Safety, Early Return/Light Duty programs.
- Written sub contract agreements on every job or blanket basis with proper risk transfer. (Additional Insured Status, Waiver of Subrogation and Primary/Non Contributory wording as a minimum. KEEP CURRENT CERTIFICATES THAT HAVE RISK TRANSFER WORDING

• No texting and hands-free driving policies that

but this year it was remote. I certified a group of judges who judged the contest at each school after the student built the project. This worked well and kept the students engaged as they built the project at their home school.

"New Masonry Programs- I was able to travel statewide and speak to many administrators while remote learning was occurring. With this effort, we have many new masonry programs! Carteret, Harnett, Cumberland, Wake, Lenoir, Beaufort, Surry, Yadkin, Davidson and Rockingham Counties are just some of the examples of new startup programs.

"Apprentice Contest- The Sam McGee Memorial Apprentice Contest was a huge success this year! We had 49 apprentices compete that day from 13 masonry companies! Our apprentice training really got the young folks excited and willing to compete to show off their skills! I feel like North Carolina has the strongest masonry apprentices in the nation and the results of the training are being shown!

"SkillsUSA National- The National SkillsUSA masonry contest was held this year as a remote contest just like the Land of the Sky Chapter did theirs. The judging video that Kent and I made was used to certify judges nationwide. They judged the projects after the students

completed in 15 states with 22 contestants. I was able to do a live zoom feed of the students while they were competing and secured certified judges for each state that had competitors. North Carolina did not have a masonry contestant, marking the first time in SkillsUSA history that masonry did not have a competitor from NC.

"National Masonry Instructors Association- The NMIA had their annual convention in Myrtle Beach in which I presented and also was able to pick up the tools from the Mortar Net Scholarship in which 6 of our apprentices received.

"Summer Conference- Summer conference for our masonry instructors was online again this summer, and we had over 30 instructors participate. I had multiple sessions that day for our instructors but nothing compares to having them in person and benefiting from what is being shared.

"State Travels- As my schedule allowed this summer, I really tried to stop in multiple locations of all of our members statewide. We have so many great masonry professionals in NC and I want them to know how much I appreciate their support. Many times I call them and it is great to see our members! I have made it a point to drop in and say how much



Metrolina Golf The team of (left to right) Mike Cook, Brandon Roberts, Chet Huntley, and Greg Huntley are the winners of the Metrolina Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament held at the Mooresville Municipal Golf Course in November. Chapter President Brandon Hartsell expressed appreciation to tournament sponsors: Adams/Oldcastle, Johnson Concrete Products, Carolina Firestop, P & D Architectural Precast, MSC Masonry Construction, General Shale, ACT Equipment, The Metrolina Chapter of NCMCA, Palmetto Brick, L&D Kirby Investments, Lynn Ladder & Scaffolding, Pyramid Masonry, Cast Stone Systems, Jollay Masonry, Tucker-Kirby Company, Argos USA, R & N Construction, Wire-Bond, Chandler Concrete, Lehigh Hanson, Gates Construction Company, Carolina Masonry & Concrete, Taylor Clay Products, Brand Safway, Holcim US, Hydro Rents, Vega Construction Company, and Triangle Brick.

are enforced.

- Train on Silica, Scaffold/Fall Protection and Powered Lift Truck.

We sincerely appreciate the support and participation of the NCMCA and please do not hesitate to call us for assistance.

President Danks Burton acknowledged the great contribution, both financial and otherwise, provided by our insurance partners.

Workforce Development & Training Coordinator Ryan Shaver provided a report on his recent activities. "Apprentice Training- NCMCA started hands on apprentice training in Raleigh, Winston Salem, Charlotte and Asheville. We have had great numbers at all the training sessions and our associate members have provided locations and materials. With summertime and everyone's workload, I made jobsite visits and had training with the apprentices while they were working in the field. This was a great time for all and also got the foreman and masons involved which hopefully was beneficial for the apprentices because they can learn so much from the guys that they work with daily!

"Remote Contest – The Land of the Sky Chapter had their annual High School Masonry contest

we appreciate their support and dedication to our industry!”

There was discussion about the number of masonry vocational instruction programs in North Carolina. Shaver says the number presently stands at about one hundred. Executive Vice President Lynn Nash said that in 1997, there were about 117 programs, mostly a credit of the North Carolina Brick Association’s work in the sixties and seventies. Nash said that one of the most important reasons for filling the WDTC staff position was to reinvent and support the state’s high school masonry programs, which were showing signs of neglect. He says Shaver is having great success in revitalizing the programs and even adding programs.

Tim Manning spoke about the success of the masonry continuing education program on Saturdays at Pitt Community College requesting additional companies take an interest and hire the program participants, as his firm, Manning Masonry, has done. Seven students participated in the first session.

Doug Burton provided a report on the certification program. Classes began in 2006 and we are now presenting our ninth series of classes. 61 participants in the August class. “A great success.” Statistics 8/31/21:

127 Certified Masonry Professional (CMP)

52 “Suspended” CMP

48 “Expired” CMP

43 Certified Masonry Executive (CME)

36 “Suspended” CME

23 “Expired” CME

18 Company Certifications (in good standing)

7 suspended firms

7 expired firms

Though the program was not intended to be a “money-maker,” it has proven to be so. That is a function of several grants/sponsorships, great participation, and McGee Brothers Company providing their facilities for classes at no cost.

Doug noted that in November and December, certified companies will be receiving their annual audits to ensure certified firms remain in compliance with the requirements for certification. Failure to complete and return the audit results in suspension of company certification. He reminded everyone that continuing education is required to maintain personal certification. There are various means for obtaining training and online training

is now acceptable.

Because of the number of participants and the need for social distancing, present classes are taking place at a large hotel meeting room.

Three Governors’ terms expired in May 2021. The Governors recommended to the board the three Governors with expiring terms be reappointed for new three-year-terms. The board approved appointing at-large member David McQueen, NCMCA contractor member Calvin Brodie, and NC AIA architect Tony Lineberry to new three-year terms to expire in May



75 Years! The Southeast Concrete Masonry Association (SCMA) celebrated its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary at its August 2021 meeting at Hilton Head Island. SCMA began as the North Carolina Concrete Masonry Association in 1946. Among the presenters at the meeting was NCMCA Workforce Development & Training Coordinator Ryan Shaver who spoke about masonry workforce recruitment and development in North Carolina and participated in a session on masonry framed homes. A highlight of the event was the induction of Paul LaVene into the SCMA Hall-of-Fame. Paul retired from the association in 2010 after serving some twenty years as SCMA/CCMA President. Paul LaVene was recognized with NCMCA’s prestigious Eleanor Upton Award in 2011. He currently resides in Oklahoma. Pictured left to right, SCMA President James Cain; Frank Werner, retired from Adams/Oldcastle, who introduced Paul; Paul LaVene; and SCMA Chairman Sam Finney.

2024. Doug also recognized the newest governor, Tim Manning, appointed in January 2020.

Chairman Doug related the Governors discussion about NCMCA member firms that are not certified, in some cases working to become certified, that have been actively opposing (“breaking”) the NCMCA Masonry Contractor Certification Program certification requirement when it appears in project specifications as a requirement for masonry subcontractors. The Governors have identified some six architectural firms that regularly include a requirement for NCMCA certification in job specification. Doug speculated that among the companies working toward certification, but who presently regularly attempt to have the requirement dropped, that their present efforts will prove counter-productive when those firms themselves are certified and can properly meet the certification specification. There have been instances where masonry contracting firms that do not meet the requirements for certification have bid “certified” projects. The governors are developing recommended wording for architectural firms to use

in documents that would require general contracting firms to list the certified masonry contracting firm whose proposal is used for bidding jobs that require a certified masonry contractor.

The Governors are also developing a proposed survey to be completed by architectural firms to evaluate the performance of certified masonry contractors that work on the architectural firms’ projects that require certification. The results of the survey will be compiled by the NCMCA executive and will be kept confidential, shared only with the masonry contractor evaluated in the survey. However, if the NCMCA executive determines there is a trend of poor performance, that information will be provided to the Certification Board of Governors, who then will determine what further steps are appropriate to protect the integrity of the certification program. With the masonry contractor’s permission, positive survey result could be shared with other NCMCA members and friends.

Doug noted that Professor Patrick Rand has taught the Module Five certification class since the certification program began in 2006. The August class was his ninth time instructing the class. Professor Rand retired from NC State in June after some forty-four years with the university.

Doug reported that NCMCA is working with the Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute (RMMI) to develop an online masonry estimating and blueprint reading class. RMMI does all of its certification classes on line. The online class will be NCMCA’s first virtual class and will serve as NCMCA’s Module Six unit. Joe Canitano with Old North State Masonry will be the instructor.

Doug concluded his remarks by saying the ongoing success of the program is due to the desire of companies and individuals to continue their masonry education and knowledge but also because of the success NCMCA has enjoyed in getting the specification included in project requirements. “Companies want to get on the bandwagon.”

President Danks commented on the remarkable longevity of the certification program, something few anticipated at its inception in 2006.

Doug Burton reported on the NCMCA Sigmon Masonry Design Competition Scholarships at NC State and at Appalachian State. Eighteen years at NC State. Eleven years at ASU. He commented on how many folks the program has reached over the

years. Both competitions were held “virtually” in the fall of 2020. Doug was pleased that the virtual events proved to be an effective alternative to the traditional “in person” events. Annual cost is about \$8,000, mostly funded by the annual golf tournament. NCMCA, SCMA and other masonry officials met with Professor Rand and others at NC State in July to talk about the masonry programs Professor Rand has created and led, and the future of those programs with Rand’s retirement. The College of Design/School of Architecture is enthused about continuing those programs. Doug anticipates “a smooth transition.”

Chairman John Cramer provided a Safety Committee report:

Covid is still a very real concern, in spite of vaccinations. Please require masks. People who are older, have health issues, have diminished immune issues, are at significant risk. Please mask up and use social distancing. Booster shots will be available after September 20th to the general population assuming it should be 8 months since your last vaccination.

AUTO SAFETY – We encourage all contractors to implement a strict no-texting and no emailing and **HANDS FREE ONLY** while driving policy.

NEW SILICA STANDARD – Make sure you are modifying your work processes to stay within Table 1 Guidelines! As of this date, we have not heard of any masons having any inspection issues. Please let us know if you do.

SCAFFOLDING – Same report as before - Make absolutely sure your Competent Person training is up to date and documented. Make sure you have written documentation of inspections of your scaffolding every day and after moving or set up. Have your scaffold all clearly tagged for use or service and signed off daily. Most of all, make sure all ladders, bracing, mud sills, footings, base plates, railings, access points and fall zones are perfect on every job, every day.

OSHA FINES AND PENALTIES- Employers will continue to feel pressure and fines from inspections and increased #'s of Serious violations they are charging against employers. There is much less negotiating for the removal and/or reduction of fines. If you feel it is wrong or unfair, chances are you will have to go through a full hearing. We encourage all our masons to call us immediately if they have an inspection with violations and to discuss their rights and alternatives.

VERIFY that your subs have full safety programs and are enforcing and following them at all times.

ENROLL YOUR SUBS IN OCIPS AND CCIPS WHEN YOU ARE REQUIRED!!!

Gary Joyner, who is an MCAA Regional Vice President and is chairman of the MCAA Masonry Foundation, reported The Masonry Foundation is just shy of its five million dollar goal. More than four million dollars “on hand” earning interest. He thanked everyone on the call that has supported

The Foundation and encouraged renewing commitments. He cited Manning Masonry for recently having done so and said Calvin Brodie is “leading the pack” with \$125,000 in Foundation contributions. McGee Brothers Company is at \$100,000. Due to the great performance of the stock market and other Foundation investments, there is “a six-figure” amount available to be awarded in 2021.

President Danks is serving as Chairman of the “Future Staff Planning” committee. A committee has been selected and meetings are underway to advertise for a new association general manager. Executive Vice President and CEO Lynn Nash plans to retire from NCMCA in the spring of 2023.

Contacts are finalized with convention venues for 2022 and 2023, both with the hotels that would have hosted the canceled conventions for 2020 and 2021:

2022 – March 24 – March 27, Hyatt Regency, Downtown Greenville, SC

2023 – April 27 – April 30, Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach

Friday morning’s First General Session will feature National Technical Honor Society Executive Director and “TED Talk” presenter Peyton Holland and Christine “Tina” Subasic of Raleigh, President of The Masonry Society in Colorado. Officers for the 2022-2024 term will be elected at the Saturday Annual Business Meeting and installed at the Saturday evening banquet.

In his central office report Nash reported membership stood at 149 as of August. The number was 146 in April. Nash acknowledged Ryan Shaver’s successful efforts at membership recruitment.

The Sigmon Memorial Scholarship fund held \$16,488.09 as of the meeting.

The present list of 19 NCMCA “Distinguished” and “Leadership” member firms:

- Brodie Contractors*
- Carolina Masonry Unlimited*
- Cherokee Masonry*
- Edgar Boettcher Masonry*
- Gates Construction*
- Huntley Brothers Company*
- Jollay Masonry Contractors* (*new*)
- Joyner Masonry Works*
- Kirby Construction Services*
- LPS Enterprises*
- Manning Masonry*
- McGee Brothers Company*
- Mountcastle Insurance
- Pinnacle Masonry*
- Roanoke Cement Company
- Rush Construction*
- SPEC MIX*
- TriSure Corporation
- Whitman Masonry*

These firms voluntarily pay as “Leadership Members” (double normal dues) or “Distinguished Members” (double dues and maintain MCAA membership*)

The new membership directory was distributed in early August. 1,600 copies printed. Income was \$17,410 (\$17,475 in 2020) vs. expense of \$13,116.75.

Western Regional Vice President Don Caldwell talked about the school programs in western North Carolina and expressed his enthusiasm for the work WDTC Ryan Shaver is doing.

Central Regional Vice President Brandon Hartsell reported: “The September 2021 NCMCA Board Meeting is here. Face to face would have been great, but Zoom it is.

“I look forward to working with the NCMCA to advance our Industry into the future. Change is all around us. From the National Level to the State and Local Levels, we have positioned NCMCA to be the Leader in the Masonry Industry. I know the Association will remain solid and become more in tune with the Industry of tomorrow. Let’s finish 2021 strong.

“Central Piedmont Chapter Update: Chapter Officers Chris Ellis CMP (P), Carlos F. Vega (VP), Angie Puckett (S), & Nick Ferrucci (T), have made some changes which have put new life into their Chapter.

“Metrolina Chapter Update: The November chapter golf tournament proceeds will go directly to NCMCA workforce development program funding. Metrolina social media has 974 Facebook followers and a reach of 25,000 weekly. I would like to thank the Metrolina Chapter Officers; Greg Huntley (VP) and Carson Grief (Secretary) for helping me to honestly be able to say, there is no “I” in the word Team!

“Triad Chapter Update: Chapter Officers are Red McAdams (P), Randy Terry (VP), Todd Horner (S), & LB Faulkner, (T). This Chapter meets the First Wednesday of each month at Maria’s Cafe, in Burlington.

“I would like to thank everyone who has helped with each Chapter above. We will only remain a strong organization if we work together. When we travel to other parts of this Country and your State is recognized as the Standard, you know you belong to a Strong Organization. Thank you to everyone for all you do! “

Western Carolina Chapter –Chapter President Larry Kirby reported, “The Western Carolina Chapter has started to meet on the Second Tuesday of every other month except January and December at Dos Amigos restaurant on US Highway 70 in Hickory. The meetings start with a social at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00. Our attendance has been sporadic this year with between six and eight in attendance. We had Von Starnes with Maiden High School in attendance at our August meeting. He helped to inform us of the current situation with masonry at his school.”

Raleigh Chapter Report - Chapter President Bo Black provided a report: “The following chapter meetings/presentations were held: June 7th, 2021, Social Event at Bowstring Pizza and Brewery – approximately 30 Raleigh chapter members, associates and guests gathered for pizza, adult beverages and socializing. Thanks to our social sponsors – Adams

Oldcastle, Tucker Kirby and Triangle Brick.

“Upcoming meeting schedule- Raleigh Chapter meeting topic committee consists of Macy Williams, Donnie Howard, Chris Mitchell, Kevin Scheele, Juan Vergara and Kelly Black plans for our monthly meetings moving forward. Much hard work by all the committee members over the past several months is greatly appreciated and here is a list of our upcoming events: September 7th, 2021, Raleigh Chapter is hosting “A night at the ballpark” at the DBAP. Bulls are playing the Norfolk Tide and are looking to say atop the Southeast AAA Division.

“October 4th, 2021 – NCMCA Workforce Development Training Coordinator Ryan Shaver will be hosting a social event with the Raleigh chapter and presenting Apprenticeship awards to member firms and apprentices.

“November 2021 – Raleigh Chapter will be hosting its First Annual fundraiser to support its annual pledge to the WDTC fund at Drive Shack in Raleigh. Members, guests and associates will be offered chances to participate, and all proceeds will go towards the Raleigh Chapter pledge to the WDTC fund.

“January 4, 2022 – we will begin our regularly scheduled meeting at the Peddler Steak House in Raleigh, NC. PLEASE NOTE the change of meeting date to TUESDAY. We appreciate Peddler Steakhouse with accommodating our meeting despite staff shortages. There will be a roundtable discussion on the topic of “How has COVID-19 affected your business” moderated by chapter members.

4.”Thanks to fellow Chapter Officers – VP Calvin Brodie, Secretary Donnie Howard, Treasurer Chris Mitchell, Eastern Region VP Doug Burton.

“I hope everyone stays safe and healthy and business continues to be strong and we push forward through a difficult season in our country and economy. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.”

Eastern Carolina - Ryan Shaver reported the NCMCA Eastern Carolina Chapter would meet at the Rustic Barn in Jacksonville, NC on September 21st. This will be a true showcase of what the masonry industry has to offer when supporting our local eastern NC masonry instructors. Ryan has planned an evening that will include many new tools that instructors can implement in their curriculum and an opportunity for the local instructors to partner with key industry professionals to initiate the hiring of young Pre-Apprentices and Apprentices in the Masonry Career Pathways program.

Southeast Concrete Masonry Association President James Cain provided an update on SCMA and National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) activities: “Checkoff update - We know that DOC has approved the notice to be published and has passed it along to the Government Printing Office (GPO) to do so. Past experiences with GPO have been that they generally turn it around anywhere from three days to two weeks. So, simple way to say it, is that we

have reasonable confidence now of the following. . . .

“Voting WILL start in September for all producers. Voting period will be 30 days.

“Block production - SCMA just finished up the 2020 block production for all producers in the five states. 2020 increase of 3.5M (3%) more block over 2019 during COVID. Increase of 14.7M (12%) more block over the last three years. Increase of 20.1M (17%) more block over the last three years.

“SCMA 75th Conference (record year) - Sold out conference with over 184 registered attendees with actually 165 attending the conference last week from 10 states. We had 198 people attended the nine breakout sessions with Masonry Framed homes being the top attended breakout. We also saw over 42 sales people from all five states take advantage of the sales training presented by Casey Robb. Finally, we had 12 potential new members attend as well.

“Great story all the way around!”

Nash added that a highlight of that meeting was the induction of Paul LaVene into the SCMA Hall-of-Fame. Paul retired as President of CCMA (SCMA) in 2010 after twenty years. NCMCA's Ryan Shaver provided two presentations at the SCMA meeting including a program about NCMCA workforce development and recruitment and a program about masonry framed homes. Nash commented on the great partnership NCMCA has enjoyed with the CCMA/SCMA over the years.

Attorney Thomas Davis provided a legal update:

“The Federal Government requires electronic transmission of injury and accident data for companies with 250 employees or more. That has now been modified so that you now have to make an electronic submission if, at anytime during the

course of a year, you have at least twenty employees employed by your company. A great reduction in the number. Some good news; most of you operate as subcontractors to general contractors. The North Carolina Supreme Court has issued an opinion that prohibits in commercial construction direct suits by owners against subcontractors. They are restricted solely to contractual actions against the party used by the general contractor with whom they have a contract and they are not allowed to go around, and that includes not just subcontractors but also material suppliers. So on a commercial job, your liability will be with the person to whom you have an actual contract and the liability will be spelled out in the terms of that contract. You would not be subject to a tort claim for negligence except if there is personal injury. There is also an exception for residential construction.”

President Danks tentatively set the next meeting of the board for Wednesday January 5, 2022.

President Danks expressed appreciation to Brandon Hartsell and Bob Gates for arranging and hosting the meeting with Gates Construction Company's “Zoom” account.

Welcome New Member

Jollay Masonry Contractors

Matt Jollay (R5 “Distinguished”)
www.jollaymasonry.com
 Avondale Estates, GA
 Recruited by NCMCA



Scholarship [Design Awards The 2021 Annual NCMCA/NC State Sigmon Memorial Scholarship Masonry Design Competition was September 30th at the College of Design. Pictured standing left to right, NC State Professor Emeritus J. Patrick Rand and NCMCA Past President Doug Burton, who together developed the design competition at NC State twenty-one years ago; winning team members Jack Dalton, Lucas Stott, Gabrielle Schiltz, and Kunal Bhardwaj; and Dana K. Gulling, Associate Professor of Architecture. Rand and Burton served as judges for the competition. The projects are a graded assignment of Professor Gulling's “Architectural Construction Systems” class. The winning team splits a semester's in-state tuition among the team members. Eleven teams participated.

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Place in the North Carolina SkillsUSA State Masonry Contest earlier that year.

Mason finished in Second Place in the May 2021 NCMCA Annual Samuel McGee Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest shortly after joining Huntley Brothers Company.

Mason says, “Hard work does pay off. Learning how to lay brick is a learning curve and you can’t just wake up one morning and lay brick like a regular mason does. If that were so, everyone would be laying brick. One thing I like about masonry, you can always look back on and reflect on what you’ve done. You can point and say, ‘I laid those brick or block.’ This industry is growing tremendously and I love the fact I can see something go up from the bottom to the top.”

In addition to cash and tool prizes, Mason’s win earns him the opportunity to represent NCMCA at the Mason Contractors Association of America (MCAA) Masonry Skills Challenge in January at Las Vegas

Thirty-nine apprentices from eleven NCMCA member firms competed.

NCMCA’s Ryan Shaver coordinated the competition and expressed appreciation to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly Sunday afternoon for setup and all day Monday to tend, judge and cleanup the event.

Contest Chairman Calvin Brodie expressed appreciation to all the firms that contributed with financial and in-kind donations to make the 2021 contest one of the best ever, including:

- Joyner Masonry Works
- Piedmont Masonry
- Pinnacle Masonry
- RBD & Associates, LLC
- Whitman Masonry
- Concept Masonry
- Fred Mason Masonry
- L & D Investments
- Eastern Carolina Chapter
- Western Carolina Chapter
- Brodie Contractors
- Carolina Masonry & Concrete
- EastWest Products
- Gates Construction Company
- LehighHanson
- Morrison Brothers
- Central Piedmont Chapter
- Land of the Sky Chapter
- Custom Brick & Supply Co.
- Helms Masonry
- Whitesell Masonry
- Raleigh Chapter
- Simmons Masonry
- Metrolina Chapter
- Beam Construction
- New South Construction Supply
- Southeast Concrete Masonry Association
- Tucker-Kirby Company
- Adams, an Oldcastle company
- Pine Hall Brick
- Lowes
- H & E Equipment
- Pinnacle Masonry
- Amerimix
- Stabila

Member News

William Curtis Kearns died unexpectedly August 31st at the age of 81. He was a superintendent and founding partner with Pinnacle Masonry until his retirement in 2009. Mr. Kearns lived in Seagrove, NC.

Raleigh Chapter Secretary Donnie Howard is a songwriter and musician. He recently recorded an original composition at a session in Nashville with Brett Mason on lead guitar. (Look him up!) Hear the tune on YouTube “Donnie Howard Music.”

Past President Calvin Brodie’s daughter Jasmine recently passed the bar exam. She’s a lawyer!

Ranked by the number of employees in the Triangle area (Raleigh-Durham,) The Triangle Business Journal ranks Brodie Contractors “first” on their list of minority-owned companies.

Past-President Bob Gates and wife Denise have a new grandson. Charles Edison Gates was born to Daniel and Samantha on September 11th.

NCMCA’s Ryan Shaver won \$500 Monday in Memphis at the MCAA’s Mid-Year Meeting for laying the most brick (32) in two minutes at the SPEC MIX “Speed Dating” exhibit competition.

NCMCA was well represented at the MCAA meeting. NCMCA contractor members attending were Kent Huntley, Calvin Brodie, Bob Gates, Mike Cook, and Bryan Overman. Gates Construction Company was recognized with a top Safety Award at the MCAA board meeting Wednesday morning.

At their September meeting, the board approved three Masonry Contractor Certification Board of Governors members to renewed terms from May 2021 to May 2024. They are at-large member David McQueen, contractor member Calvin Brodie, and NC AIA nominee Tony Lineberry. The other governors are Chairman Doug Burton, contractor member Bob Gates, contractor member Tim Manning, SCMA nominee James Cain, brick industry nominee Bryan Light, and NCMCA executive Lynn Nash.

Melvin Frady, who worked for Pyramid Masonry since 1993 and who held “Certified Masonry Professional” (CMP) status in the NCMCA Masonry Contractor Certification Program, passed away Wednesday September 22nd. Pyramid’s Carolina Division Vice President Tim McManus says, “Melvin has been here since my very first day with Pyramid and always took the time to ask me how I was doing and grab me a biscuit on Friday mornings. We operate at a breakneck pace most days in construction, but he could slow things down and bring out the friendship we share with one another.” Melvin E. Frady was 66 and lived in Shelby.

Mike and Mark Simmons are retiring and winding down LPS Enterprises after twenty-seven years in business. Both hold “Certified Masonry Executive” (CME) status in the Certification Program and were among the first group to complete certification requirements individually and for their company. Friends and family recently celebrated with a retire-

ment party in Raleigh.

Bryan Overman, J. B. Overman Masonry, married Lucianna Menendez on September 25th.

Ed Patterson of Cherokee Masonry died unexpectedly September 27th. Cherokee Masonry is a “Distinguished” member of NCMCA, and a founding member of the South Carolina Masonry Contractors Association. Ed is brother to Paul and father of Bryan. Edward Mason Patterson was 80 years old and lived in Gaffney, SC.

Mike and Connie Rogers, Michael J. Rogers Masonry, have their first grand baby. Waylon Noah Rogers was born to Noah and Krista on September 25th.

Past President Gary Joyner, who serves as an MCAA Regional Vice President, brings good news: “Last month at the MCAA Midyear meeting in Memphis, NCMCA was awarded \$35,000 in grant money to further support our Work Force Development program. Thus far NCMCA has received three grants totaling \$75,000 from The Masonry Foundation. For 2021, a total of \$90,000 in Masonry Foundation grants was distributed across the country. NCMCA received close to half of the money distributed. This is a prime example of the effectiveness of North Carolina’s program and how it is perceived throughout the country. Thanks again to all NCMCA members who have contributed to THE MASONRY FOUNDATION.”

Gloria Crawford passed away October 28th. She had served as secretary of the Land of the Sky Chapter and married to Land of the Sky Chapter past president Robert Crawford. Gloria Anne Crawford was 55 and lived in Mills River.

Columbus Career & College Academy masonry instructor Fred Mason says his former student Natitaly Razo is instructing an evening class at Southeast Community College. Ryan Shaver says she may be the first female masonry instructor ever in North Carolina.

Seventeen-year-old Holly Helms recently completed her check ride and is now a licensed private pilot. Holly is the daughter of Jodi and Scott Helms, Helms Masonry, and the sister of nineteen-year-old 2021 Sam McGee Apprentice Contest Champion and licensed general contractor Grant Helms.

Full head joints and proper mortaring techniques are essential for building high-performance masonry walls. In this new video, NCMCA Workforce Development & Training Coordinator Ryan Shaver demonstrates best practices for properly mortaring and installing masonry units: <https://youtu.be/OKiGGZvYY7M>

Brian Haddock is the new masonry instructor at Harnett Central High School in Angier.

News from the Carolina masonry community for publication in “Member News” is always welcomed. Medical and other personal news is not shared unless the individuals concerned have confirmed their approval for publication. Send member news to information@ncmca.com or call the NCMCA office.



“Modern Monument” The winning project for the 2021 NCMCA Sigmon Memorial Scholarship Design Competition at Appalachian State University designed by students Daniel Kahill, Javier Fuentes and Shea Marlowe.

ASU Design Competition

A project named “Modern Monument” is the November winner of the 2021 NCMCA Sigmon Memorial Scholarship Design Competition at Appalachian State University.

NCMCA Chairman Kent Huntley, along with Griffin Masonry’s Chad Davis reviewed and judged the projects, which are a graded assignment of Dr. Chad Everhart’s Architectural Design Studio III / Integrated Design Studio.

Huntley and Davis were joined by ASU Professor Jason Miller and architect Phillip Jefferson, Program Director/Associate Professor at Wake Technical Community College to make comments about the projects and to announce the winners.

The winning team of Daniel Kahill, Javier Fuentes and Shea Marlowe will share a semester’s in-state tuition as their prize. Second Place went to the team of Jordan Runnion, Daniel Scruggs, and Camden Seybert. Third place went to Natalie Black, and Jackson Sloane, and fourth place went to Aidan Davis-Mercer, Spencer Fox-Davis, and Emma Havmoeller. Runner-up teams received quality masonry tools as their prizes.

2021 marks the eleventh year for the competition at ASU.

The Sigmon Family created the scholarship fund in memory of David, Dwayne and Randy Sigmon. Primary funding comes from the Annual NCMCA Fall Golf Tournament.

Dates to Note

- 1/5/22 NCMCA Board of Directors meeting – *details pending*
- 1/14-1/16/22 Annual Raleigh Chapter Murdell Golf Tournament (with no bus) Tour – Grand Strand
- 1/17-1/20/22 World of Concrete/Masonry, Convention Center – Las Vegas
- 2/26/22 Regional SkillsUSA Masonry Competition, Rowan County Fairgrounds - Salisbury
- 3/24-3/26/22 NCMCA Convention, Hyatt Regency Downtown – Greenville, SC
- 4/27-4/29/22 NC SkillsUSA Annual Conference (masonry contest) Greensboro Coliseum
- 5/21/22 Annual Samuel A. McGee Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest, Adams/Oldcastle - Colfax
- 6/19-6/22/22 Southeast Concrete Masonry Association Annual Conference – St. Simons Island, GA
- 9/22/22 NCMCA Annual Fall Golf Tournament – *details pending*
- 4/27-4/30/23 NCMCA Convention, Kingston Plantation – Myrtle Beach

Additional details and registration forms are always available on the “Calendar” page of NCMCA.com.

Convention in March

The 2021 NCMCA Annual Convention and Business Meeting is March 24 to March 27 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in beautiful Downtown Greenville, SC.

Watch your email for a convention registration form. Note the deadline for room reservations in the NCMCA room block: March 2, 2022.

The convention will feature keynote presentations by two very good friends of the Association. Peyton Holland is the Executive Director of the National Technical Honor Society but is best known to NCMCA members as the long-time director of North Carolina SkillsUSA. Peyton is a champion of vocational career training and regularly does TED Talks about construction careers.



Peyton Holland

Christine “Tina” A. Subasic, P.E., LEED A.P. is a consulting architectural engineer specializing in masonry and sustainable design. She has provided technical support services, including standards development, educational seminars, and inspection services in the masonry industry for over 25 years. A frequent speaker on sustainability and masonry, she has addressed audiences in over twenty states. She is active in The Masonry Society where she served as the first female president, on ASTM Committees E60 on Sustainability and C15 on Manufactured Masonry Units, and is a voting member of the ASHRAE Standard 189.1 Project Committee on High Performance Buildings. She has written numerous articles and publications and is editor of The Masonry Society’s Sustainability E-News. Tina is a registered professional engineer in Virginia and North Carolina.



Tina Subasic

The Annual Business Meeting will feature the election of NCMCA officers for the 2022-2024 term.

Play convention golf at The Preserve at Verdae.

Solicitation for convention sponsors will begin in December. Remember, the sooner sponsors commit, the more opportunities for inclusion in convention publicity.

2022 Annual NCMCA Convention
March 24 - March 27, 2022
Hyatt Regency, Downtown Greenville, SC



Johnson Concrete Teams Claim "First" and "Second" Place at Annual Tournament

The Winners! Tournament Chair David McQueen announced the winners of the 2021 NCMCA Annual Fall Golf tournament held September 23rd at Mill Creek Golf & Country Club in Mebane. Anthony Vogel's Johnson Concrete Products team of, left to right, Casey Mitchell, Anthony Vogel, Wes Frazier, and Jordan Zell are the new champions. Second place went to the Johnson Concrete Products team of Danny Niday, Hunter Vernon, Jody Wall, and Chuck Vogel. The Roanoke Cement team of Chris Miller, Adam Riggs, Rob Thomas, and Jim Morton claimed third place. Rob Thomas was recognized for "Longest Drive," Kevin Neuschaefer won "Closest-to-the-Pin," and Doug Burton won the "Beat the Pro Par 3 Challenge." Golfers enjoyed perfect weather and hot dogs and hamburgers courtesy of the Argos Cement Team. The proceeds of the tournament go toward funding the Annual Sigmon Memorial Masonry Design Scholarships at North Carolina and Appalachian State Universities. The NCMCA Fall Golf Tournament is always the fourth Thursday in September.

Thank You 2021 Tournament Sponsors!

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 Dwayne Bryant
 Chris Mitchell

Volunteers make the day go smoothly:

Ray Walls
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 Jimmy Wall
 Lori Bullis
 Ryan Shaver
 Dwayne Bryant
 Chris Mitchell
 Angie Pucket
 Donnie Howard
 Danny Alford

And our appreciation to Mike Long and the staff at Mill Creek Golf & Country Club for their great partnership for many years now. Great folks!

