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McGee Top-Ten! Bottom, left to right, Carter McGee, Seventh Place, McGee Brothers Company; Anderson Pruet, Sixth Place, Helms Masonry; Salvador Cruz De Leon, Eighth Place, Creative Masonry; Maria Torres, Ninth Place, Carolina Masonry Unlimited; and Annayeli Dionisio, Tenth Place, Fred Mason's Masonry. Top row, left to right, NCMCA President Danks Burton; Mason Saunders, Second Place, Huntley Brothers Company; Cyress Lance Brown, Third Place, McGee Brothers Company; Grant Helms, Helms Masonry, First Place and the "David R. Sigmon Award" winner; Christian Kluttz, Fourth Place, Huntley Brothers Company; Bayden Huntley, Fifth Place, Huntley Brothers Company; and Contest Chairman and NCMCA President-Elect Bo Black.

Grant Helms is McGee Memorial Contest Winner

MIDLAND - Nineteen-year-old Grant Helms of Helms Masonry is the 2021 Champion of the North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association's Annual Samuel A. McGee Memorial Masonry Apprenticeship Skills Contest and takes home the "David R. Sigmon Award" for "top-score" in the competition. Grant built a rare "perfect project" with no deductions for a perfect score. His win also earned a thousand-dollar cash prize and a large selection of masonry tools.

As a student, Helms won the Annual North Carolina State Fair Masonry Apprenticeship Contest in 2018 and in 2019 as a junior at West Rowan High School, Grant won the National SkillsUSA Masonry Championship in Louisville, Kentucky. He finished in Fourth Place the last time the Sam McGee Contest was held in 2019 at Triangle Brick in Durham. His Midland win qualifies him to compete in the June 2021 Mason Contractors Association of America's International

Masonry Skills Competition in Las Vegas.

Grant is the son of Scott and Jodi Helms of Concord and recently obtained his North Carolina General Contractors license.

The event took place at the McGee Brothers Company maintenance facility at Midland on May 15th. The Metrolina Chapter hosted a barbecue chicken dinner for everyone attending, topped off with homemade ice cream made by McGee Brothers Company employees.

Some fifty apprentices from across the state participated and more than 320 people attended. The "top-ten" finishers in addition to Helms were Mason Saunders, Second Place, Huntley Brothers Company; Cyress Lance Brown, Third Place, McGee Brothers Company; Christian Kluttz, Fourth Place and Bayden Huntley, Fifth Place of Huntley Brothers Company.

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First Year Apprentices President Danks Burton, top right, greets the participants in an exhibition competition between first year apprentices that have been working with NCMCA's Ryan Shaver at apprentice training across the state for NCMCA member companies. The exhibition was presented during the May 15th Sam McGee Memorial event. Pictured bottom, left to right, Mikey Alexander, Carolina Masonry and Concrete; Diego Vega, Vega Construction; Brandon Goins, Wemco Contracting; David Bass, Whitman Masonry; and Logan Lane, Creative Masonry. Top, left to right, Ro Ksor, McGee Brothers Company; and Daniel Diaz, Brodie Contractors, who had the best score in the exhibition competition.

Message From the President

Greetings to NCMCA members!

A tremendous day for masonry was on display at the McGee Brothers facility in Midland on May 15th for the Annual Samuel A. McGee Memorial Apprenticeship Contest. There are numerous companies and people to thank for putting on a fantastic show – McGee Brothers, Metrolina Chapter, NCMCA Staff and Officers. I don't think I have room in this article or the time to list everyone, but thanks to all that played a part in the day. And a big shout out to the apprentices and their companies for the fine display of masonry workmanship. Congratulations to the winners!

Did you get some ice cream? Thanks for the treat, you're welcome at my party anytime.

The NCMCA, your association, is in a great financial position; one which many associations would envy. Thanks to our members for continuing to support NCMCA. Thanks to Lynn Nash for being a great steward of NCMCA. We have the greatest masonry association in the USA and with the position we're in financially we must continue to be the leaders in workforce development, certification, and promotion of masonry. We have the resources and team in place to get it done. I'm proud to be a part of this.

We just conducted our Board of Directors/ Annual Business Meeting via Zoom on April

28. While it was a great meeting, I hope this is the last time we have to conduct the annual meeting virtually. I'm looking forward to us all getting back together for our annual conventions to network and socialize. Put it on your calendar - March 24 – 26, 2022 in Greenville, SC. We plan to be there live and in person, hope to see you there.

Have a great summer!

Danks Burton CME
President 2020-2022

Welcome New Members

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Whiteville, NC
Recruited by Ryan Shaver

MSC Masonry Construction
Matt Cash (R1)
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Midland, NC
Recruited by Ryan Shaver

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From the WDTTC:

It's Hot Outside and so is the Masonry Industry!

By Ryan Shaver

Now that things are getting back to some degree of normality, our industry is wide open! The NCMCA Sam McGee Memorial Apprentice Contest in May was a huge success!

We had nearly fifty apprentices representing twelve companies and over 325 people onsite. We had multiple folks travel in to help with the contest including Bryan Light (Brick Industry Association) who drove up from Georgia, Curtis Hoover (National Masonry Instructors Association) who drove in from Maryland, Keith Young (Lang Masonry) who came down from Ohio and brought the new training rack that EZG has developed, and Josh Tollett (Tollett Masonry) from Tennessee.



Ryan Shaver

We also had folks from multiple school programs that came to observe such as Mike Litaker who will be starting a new masonry program at West Carteret High School in Morehead City, and Randall Cox and Kris Cox who are working to get masonry training reinstated at Rockingham Community College. We had multiple instructors help judge as well as some "super-star" retired masonry instructors.

Our behind the scenes help that made things flow smoothly were Jody Little (McGee Brothers) who along with help from Doc McGee and Derry Simpson (McGee Brothers) who packed all the prize tool bags and had everything sorted and ready for the contestants. The set-up help the day before the contest was great! Maurice McGee and his men got the contest site and the shop area ready for the contestants and spectators. We had multiple companies show up to help including Ram Tool, Adams/Oldcastle, Lynn Ladder and Scaffolding, Johnson Concrete, Huntley Brothers, Gates Construction, and McGee Brothers.

The Metrolina Chapter furnished lunch. Chapter President Brandon Hartsell did a great job lining up the meal! To top things off, The McGee Ladies made multiple churns of homemade ice cream and it was the crowd favorite!

Clean up after the contest was great and fast! Multiple folks stayed to help and big thanks especially to Keith Young, Harvey Mullis, Lane Mullis, and Jody Little who stayed late and washed mortarboards!

An unbelievable day and thanks to all that had a hand in making it a huge success!

We are in need of masonry instructors across the

state for new programs that are being started. Our most urgent needs are for an instructor at South View High School in Cumberland County and Lexington High School in Davidson County. We will have a new program starting at Wake Tech in Wake County in August and Dennis Little (Pinnacle Masonry) will be teaching this evening class on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 9:00 in the evening.

The program at Pitt Community College is off to a great start with Rob Waugh instructing. Rob also teaches at North Lenoir High School and is doing a fabulous job! Please reach out to me if you are interested in teaching or if you know someone that may be interested. I will be glad to call and talk to them!

Our training programs are vital in North Carolina and I encourage you to support your local school and build a relationship with the students and instructor!

Our last after-school masonry training session at Leesville Road High School was a great success! Mr. Glenn Muira is the construction teacher at Leesville

and allowed me to start this program to introduce students to the masonry trade. I had a great time working with his students and three students are now working in the trade in our Pre-Apprentice Program.

Working with your local school is very important and even if they do not have a masonry program, you can still connect with students and show them what all our trade has to offer. I encourage you to work with your local school and to call me. I'll get you started and show you how we can attract students and get them in our trade.

If you say kids today are lazy, I ask you this question: Were you at the school yesterday trying to change that? I had to be taught our trade and I challenge you to teach the trade because we all need each other to keep our trade strong!

Thanks for all your support and remember, please answer your phone if I call! I can talk faster than I type and love speaking to each of you!

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

The Fair Contest is Back!
The 67th Annual North Carolina State Fair Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest
Monday October 18, 2021 Raleigh



After-School Masonry Club! The NCMCA Raleigh Chapter's Leesville Road High School After-School Masonry Club met regularly this spring including this session in March. Photo by Ryan Shaver



Masonry Training Returns to Pitt Community College

Reprinted from the April 25th edition of PCC Notes/The Daily Reflector

WINTERVILLE—While the dangers of Mother Nature have been well-documented over the years, the perils of Father Time haven't received quite the same attention but are considerably serious nevertheless, as the nation's construction trades have discovered.

With twice as many people now exiting technical careers as opposed to starting in them, the construction industry is experiencing what many are calling a 'graying tsunami.'

"(It) simply means we are on a giant wave of quality craftsmen retiring from our industry, and we do not have the personnel to replace them," says Tim Manning, vice president of Williamston's Manning Masonry, Inc. "... We have done a poor job over the past couple of decades making sure people hear that message."

As the nationwide practice of steering the majority of high school students toward four-year universities for higher education persists unabated, Manning says open construction jobs are increasingly left unfilled.

"... We have to change that narrative," he said. "There are viable educational and career opportunities in the trades."

To address the need for skilled masons locally, the North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association (NCMCA) poured its energy and resources into helping Pitt Community College restart its masonry program. Training began May 15 and takes place on the PCC campus Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., for 12 weeks, with North Lenoir High School masonry teacher Rob Waugh serving as instructor.

"The support I've received from NCMCA has been wonderful," says PCC Coordinator of Technical Trades Gail Nichols. "I've never experienced anything like it before in getting new training off the ground, which says a lot about how much the masonry industry needs skilled professionals."

"PCC has been trying to bring its masonry program back for the past six years, and now that is going to happen next month, thanks to the backing and generosity of the N.C. Masonry Contractors

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"Close Calls Are Just the Tip of the Proverbial Iceberg"

By Jonathan Yokeley

Over the years I have sat through the same foreman's safety meeting several dozen times. "Install flashing this way." "Fill out your time sheets that way." "Anchor bolts should be this high." etc.

All of the information is valuable, mind you, but sometimes the redundancy numbs me a little. I find myself murmuring, "Every mason at this company has been putting anchor bolts in foundation walls since they started laying brick. Why are we still discussing it?"



Jonathan Yokeley

Then there are topics that find their way into your head and settle in. Topics that just seem to stick a little more than the norm. In February's safety meeting one of safety director Bobby Fisher's points has stuck with me. "Close calls are just the tip of the proverbial iceberg" was the gist of his point. Close calls are merely symptoms of the actual problem: risky behavior. It isn't the rattle of a rattlesnake that will hurt you,

it's ignoring the warning that will.

Some instances are one-offs: a brick falls from a work platform and narrowly misses you. Others are recurring: one particular walk board has felt springy since the scaffold was set up. However, both are examples of taking unnecessary risks. While the brick that landed beside you won't jump back up and try to hit you a second time, there's no guarantee that a second one might not fall and hit you. It should serve as an indicator that you aren't in a safe area, and you should move. Don't risk being hit. Likewise, that springy walk board has been warning you that it is weak. Don't take the risk of thinking that it won't break.

It is always better to be trained and disciplined than lucky. Being lucky will lull you into a false sense of security. "We've always done it this way, and nothing bad has ever happened." ...until that luck runs out. Every one of us has been trained in safety. Engaging in safe behavior is up to us.

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Eastern Carolina Chapter Seeds Revived Program Pitt Community College in Greenville, NC began its new masonry instruction program in May. With coordination by the NCMCA Eastern Carolina Chapter, Manning Masonry's Tim Manning says, "All start-up cost for tools, equipment, and supplies were donated." The Eastern Carolina Chapter expressed special appreciation to Manning Masonry, Joyner Masonry Works, Adams/Oldcastle, Tucker-Kirby Company, and Whitecap Construction Supply. Pictured left to right, instructor Rob Waugh; Tim Manning; Gail Nichols, Pitt Community College Coordinator of Technical Trades; Steve Mathews, Dean of Construction and Industrial Technology; and Ernis Lee, Pitt Community College Vice President of Outreach. *Photograph by Rob Goldberg*

January Board Meeting Summary

A combined board and annual membership meeting was held virtually at the end of April. The following is a summary of that meeting.

Treasurer Cliff McGee reported assets as of 2020 year-end were \$739,831.27. Annual operating expense for 2020 was \$272,671.13, down from \$286,603.31 in 2019. Assets as of the April 2021 meeting were \$853,583.87 not counting unrealized investment gains. As of the meeting, \$33,775.75 has been received for the WDTC fund in 2021. Total received since spring 2018: \$359,425.75.

Pete Schantz reported on the NCMCA health and benefits program. "There is plenty of activity in the benefits world, from the evolving Covid-19 protocols to new legislation that will affect most everyone.

"COVID: Covid 19 vaccinations, regardless of manufacturer, are becoming much easier to come by in the last several weeks. Whether administered by healthcare systems or public health departments, the shots are free of charge to patients, with or without medical insurance. We anticipate this to continue for some time.

"The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) into law on March 11, 2021. Along with providing financial relief for individuals, state and local governments, schools, businesses and for other purposes, the law contains the following measures of special interest to employers and their employees: 1) A subsidy for COBRA premiums, funded through employer tax credits. 2) Extension of employer tax credits for FFCRA employee leave voluntarily provided through Sept. 30, 2021. 3) Expansion of employee earnings eligible for the FFCRA tax credit. 4) Inclusion of testing and immunization as reasons for FFCRA leave. 5) Extension of \$300 increase in weekly unemployment benefits 0 Extension of weekly unemployment benefits for workers who otherwise wouldn't qualify for these benefits • Expansion of subsidy for ACA premiums. 6) Increase in DCAP contribution limits • Extension and expansion of the employee retention tax credit.

"Small Group Update: BCBSNC and United-Healthcare remain the most widely available medical insurance options in the under 50 employee market, offering both fully insured and level funded plans. Cigna and Aetna also offer both types of plans, but are more competitive in the level funded market, which is typically underwritten. Our clients in this segment have received an average 5% increase YTD on renewing plans. Special attention is needed when reviewing options to make sure the provider networks fit employee needs. Network carve outs continue to increase in the insurance landscape.

"Mid-Large Group update: Our clients have received mixed results in the 50+ employee segment this year with a 8% increase being the average

renewal. Carriers are factoring increased utilization compared to 2020 given voluntary procedures and office visits have opened up considerably. That said, carrier competition has been stiff and we have been successful in drastically reducing initial increases. Self-funded options, both through major carriers (BOBS, Cigna, etc.) and Third Party Administrators remain the best options for groups who are good fits for this funding arrangement.

"Individual Market: The Biden Administration originally re-opened the Health Insurance Exchange under a Special Enrollment Period from February 15 — May 15, 2021. The opportunity to enroll off cycle along with increased premium subsidies resulted in a reported 200,000 new enrollees in the first two weeks of the period.

"The Special Enrollment Period has now been extended through August 15, 2021.

We strongly recommend that clients review the Rx formularies in the plans they are considering as most carriers are becoming more restrictive. This could result in higher cost and possibly no coverage for specific prescriptions.

"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. "After a relatively slow 1st Quarter, we have noticed a very strong surge in bidding starting in April. 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 2021

"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!

"2021 - Key things to protect your company and future insurance costs: 1) PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES. No one really knows when the vaccines will be available to all. 2) Safety, Early Return/Light Duty programs. 3) 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. 4) No texting and hands-free driving policies that are enforced. 5) 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."

Apprenticeship and Training Committee Chairman Bo Black reported on the May Annual Samuel A. McGee Memorial Apprentice Masonry Skills Contest. McGee Brothers Company is hosting the event at their Midland facility and the Metrolina Chapter is providing lunch for everyone. A new MCAA scoring application will be utilized for the 2021 contest.

NCMCA Workforce Development and Training Coordinator Ryan Shaver reported, "Things are getting back to normal and the programs that were started before COVID are now back up and running.

"NCMCA apprentice training is underway in four cities; Raleigh, Winston Salem, Charlotte, and Asheville. This training has been a great benefit to the apprentices in attendance and the associate members that have been hosting the training have gone out of their way to make each training event worthwhile including Pine Hall Brick, Johnson Concrete Products, Custom Brick & Supply, Adams/Oldcastle, Pinnacle Masonry, Wake Tech and Palmetto Brick.

"After School Masonry Club has resumed in Wake County. This is a great way to introduce masonry to the students in a school that does not offer masonry training. I have had nine students on average in four sessions. Five of the students would like to work the Pre-Apprentice program this summer so be listening for my call! If you have a school in your area that you would like to start this type of outreach, please let me know. Wake County has been great to work with and allow us to start this program!

"Other states shadowing our program are what we would like to continue to happen! In the last two months, folks from Tennessee and Ohio have shadowed me for multiple days when I do high school presentations and apprentice training. This has turned into a good teaching tool for other associations and career training programs to get involved in workforce development and training like the NCMCA has done.

"Masonry Framed Homes has become a big topic

of discussion since the lumber prices have spiked. I have been working with the SCMA and we have been able to put together some really good data along with a plan to move forward with the promotion.

“School masonry curriculum in the state has been a topic for many years. I have completed my sponsor rep training and we have now put together a Subject Matter Expert team to address what is needed in the masonry curriculum that will benefit the masonry contractors and match the scope of work needed daily. My hopes are to make the curriculum respected by the contractor and fun for the instructors so the students will excel and be more prepared when they enter the workforce.

“Judges Certification Class was done for the first time in Asheville. This was a great class. The input from masonry contractors was phenomenal. I would like to make this a statewide thing and have multiple folks from across the state certified to judge masonry contests so that we maintain the utmost credibility when we have a masonry contest.

“New programs starting in key places! We have been working very hard to maintain our current masonry programs as well as start new programs in key areas that will benefit our masonry contractors as well as the potential students. The new programs that are coming on board are: Pitt Community College, Wake Tech, Southview High School, West Carteret High School, North Surry High School, Lexington High School and West Henderson High School.

“Membership drive! As I travel, I always have current members and potential new members on my mind! I have gained a few new members since the last board meeting and I would really like to make this a common goal for all. We are blessed to have such a strong membership base and with that we can grow and reach out to new members and get all parties to actively participate in what are all of our common goals, which is to better our trade and pass that onto the next generation. If you have someone you would like for me to go see, just let me know!

Black and Shaver reported that ApprenticeshipNC appointed Danny Boykin as a single liaison for NCMCA pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship instead of having folks across the state dealing with multiple state apprenticeship coordinators, greatly simplifying paperwork and procedures for maintaining NCMCA recognized apprenticeship programs.

Tim Manning reported on the new Pitt Community College continuing education program, thanking Adams/Oldcastle, Joyner Masonry Works, Tucker-Kirby Company, Manning Masonry, and White Cap Construction Supply for their contributions. All the equipment, tools and materials were donated for the new program. He thanked Ryan for his assistance, especially in securing a suitable instructor, Rob Waugh. There will be a continuous effort made to gear the class to potential full time masons as opposed to home “do-it-yourselfers.”

Manning also explained a two-year-old high

school program called “TradesFormers” that introduces Pitt County students to construction craft-skills opportunities.

Executive Vice President Lynn Nash reported the training trailer was put in service in January. A fifteen-minute video introducing the trailer is posted on YouTube. “Tremendous contributions for making that happen. A great training and recruiting tool.”

Certification Program Board of Governors Chairman Doug Burton reported classes were suspended after the February class was presented in 2020. The goal is to resume the classes by late fall. NCMCA is in discussion with the Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute (RMMI) to develop an online blueprint reading and jobsite estimating class that will qualify for certification class credit for both NCMCA and RMMI. Joe Canitano of Old North State Masonry, who has been instructing the NCMCA blueprint/estimating class, is enlisted to develop the shared online class. RMMI now does all their certification classes virtually. While NCMCA’s clear preference is to retain in-person instruction, the certification committee is open to the possibility of a hybrid mix of online and in-person classes. There is a concern that many certified individuals are not maintaining required continuing education, even after requirements were revised to allow credit for online continuing education.

David McQueen and Gary Joyner led a discussion of recent projects that were bid with a masonry requirement for either NCMCA company certification or that NCMCA certified individuals be on site for masonry operations, or that the masonry contractor at least employ certified individuals. Examples were cited where masonry contractors who do not meet the certification requirements are bidding projects with certification requirements, and in some instances, are the low bidder. Joyner noted the “flip side” of the issue is that there is at least one architect who insists on a certification requirement for masonry contractors for his projects even in areas where there is unlikely to be a certified masonry contractor interested in bidding, citing an upcoming project in Elizabeth City.

Doug Burton reported on the NCMCA Sigmon Masonry Design Competition Scholarships at NC State and at Appalachian State. 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, even though in-person events are preferred. Annual cost is about \$8,000, mostly funded by the annual golf tournament. Doug says, “Money well spent.”

Safety Committee Chairman John Cramer reported, “Commissioner Josh Dobson has taken office. He is a fan of trade programs, which is very encouraging. At some point, it would be nice to invite the new Commissioner to meet with the NCMCA.

“In national news, President Biden has made a new nomination to head Federal OSHA. Doug

Parker of California has been selected by Biden. California has some of the strictest workplace laws in the country and while NC is a state led OSHA, NC is required to follow Federal guidelines in order to receive funding. It will be interesting to see how the trickle down will occur.

“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. Vaccines are still thinly distributed.”

“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 numbers 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!”

Brandon Hartsell provided a report on NCMCA’s successful social media efforts. NCMCA Facebook posts are receiving thousands of hits, reaching about 90,000 people weekly. 1,800 current “followers.” Chris Mitchell has created a “Linked In” page for the Raleigh Chapter. Metrolina also has a “Linked In” page. Chris and Brandon will collaborate on a page for NCMCA that will be geared to architects, designers and engineers, featuring masonry projects.

MCAA Secretary Kent Huntley reported on Mason Contractors Association of America (MCAA) activities. MCAA will meet at the World of Concrete in June at Las Vegas. “Masonry Madness Day” featuring the SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500 and the MCAA apprentice contest will be June 9th. MCAA meetings will be held on June 7th. MCAA will hold a mid-year meeting in Memphis at the Peabody Hotel during September.

Gary Joyner, who is chairman of the MCAA Ma-

sorry foundation, reported The Foundation has 4.6 million dollars in pledges, just short of the goal of five million. 3.7 million dollars “on hand” earning interest. “North Carolina leads the pack.” He noted that North Carolina activities are a constant in the MCAA “Masonry” magazine. Less than one hundred thousand dollars has thus far been awarded as financial grants from the foundation.

Golf Chairman David McQueen reported, “The Golf Committee has confirmed September 23, 2021 as the date for this year’s tournament and estimated the number of golfers with Mill Creek Golf and Country Club. From initial conversations, it appears our per-player cost for the golf itself will remain the same as 2020. That’s a good thing. Our hope is to have the tournament shift back to a shotgun start provided things continue to improve. Ultimately, this decision will be made by the course based on CDC guidelines. Keep your fingers crossed. We are seeking a sponsor for the hole in one prize. If interested please contact me at (919) 815-4813 or david.mcqueen@oldcastle.com to discuss the specifics.” Nash added that the 2021 tournament came off in spite of COVID, raising approximately \$13,200.

Nash provided a convention report. COVID canceled the conventions for 2020 and 2021 but it is anticipated NCMCA will back to a more normal event for 2022 and 2023. 2022 – March 24-27, Hyatt Regency, Downtown Greenville, SC. 2023 – April 27-30, Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach.

Nash reported that as of the meeting, membership stands at 146, the greatest total since September of 2011. Nash acknowledged Ryan Shaver’s successful efforts at membership recruitment.

As of the end of April, the Sigmon Memorial Scholarship fund holds \$20,363.09.

The present list of 18 NCMCA “Distinguished” and “Leadership” member firms:

Brodie Contractors*
Carolina Masonry Unlimited*
Cherokee Masonry*
Edgar Boettcher Masonry*
Gates Construction*
Huntley Brothers Company
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*)

Doug Burton, Eastern Regional Vice President took the opportunity to acknowledge the apprenticeship training Ryan Shaver has been providing to member firms in the Raleigh area, noting the commitment of companies that allow their employees to participate on “company time.”

Western Regional Vice President Don Caldwell explained the traditional Land of the Sky Chapter April masonry contest for western North Carolina high schools would be different for 2021 with contestants building projects at their own schools to be later judged by a team from the chapter. Don said participation at monthly chapter meetings has been “exceptionally good.” He concluded by saying, “Masonry’s doing good.”

Brandon Hartsell, Central Regional Vice President and Metrolina Chapter President, reported, “The April NCMCA Board Meeting is here. No one knows what the future holds. This World and situations can and do change in the blink of an eye. I do know one thing. Sometimes it is hard to stay positive. Very Hard. Somedays I struggle. But I know if I stay positive, others will follow. Each morning on my drive to the office, I listen to a podcast by Gary Micheloni. Some of you will recognize his name from MASONRY Magazine. He is a good guy. Great to talk to. Wealthy in knowledge. Straight to the point. Today’s episode is from September 2020. It is simply titled, “Losing Your Feathers. Every Eagle Has to Molt.” Needless to say, at the end of thirteen minutes, I had a brighter outlook on the past few months. Molting may be a good thing. This podcast was to remind us that, magnificent as a bald eagle may be, no matter how patriotic, despite the best intentions, when you look closely enough, you will see some imperfections and you will find some cracks. In the same event, we may look or seem stronger than ever, but even the eagle must molt on occasion. It is simply part of life. I know these few lines will not make the point the podcast will. I highly recommend taking a listen. Take a step back. Understand all things good or bad, happen for a reason. Finally, 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. 2021, here “We” come!

“Central Piedmont Chapter Update: This Chapter is helping to revamp the association. 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 Metrolina Golf Tournament will be November 2, 2021 at Mooresville Golf Club. Registration starts at 9am with a Shotgun start at 10am. Stay tuned for details and sponsorship opportunities. 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! Metrolina is pleased to be hosting lunch for the upcoming Sam McGee Memorial competition.

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

“As a Regional Officer, I want to start working toward making sure all chapters are doing everything we can to promote the trade and build new membership. Finally, 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!”

The Metrolina Chapter confirmed the chapter’s 2021 executive office pledge of \$3,000 and has committed to a \$20,000 pledge over five years for the workforce development WDTC initiative.

Western Carolina Chapter President Larry Kirby said the chapter has not been meeting because of COVID but plans to meet in May. Larry confirmed the chapter’s 2021 executive office pledge of \$3,000.

Raleigh Chapter president Bo Black provided a report: “Chapter meeting topic committee consisting of Macy Williams, Donnie Howard, Chris Mitchell, Kevin Scheele and Kelly Black are meeting to discuss restarting our monthly meeting, possible new meeting location and meeting itinerary.

“Apprenticeship Training in the Raleigh Chapter continued with NCMCA WDTC Ryan Shave hosting March Ttraining at Wake Tech and Raleigh Chapter member Custom Brick hosted Raleigh Area apprenticeship training on Thursday April 8th. Thanks for all apprentices and member firms who participated and Ryan Shaver for leading the way.

“Raleigh confirms an annual pledge of \$3,000.00.

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

“As I typed this report, I realized how important and valued our gathering and associating has been in my personal and business life and I’m very much looking forward to being able to see everyone again soon.”

Land of the Sky Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Jake Brogdon reported that regular monthly meetings resumed in September, third Tuesday of the month. The annual Land of the Sky high school contest was “live” with four schools in March 2020 and for 2021, will be held remotely with four schools in April.

Central Piedmont Chapter Secretary Angie Puckett reported, “In typical years, The Central Piedmont Chapter has four meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month and four socials per year at varying locations. We would kick off at 6:00 pm with our social and 7:00 pm for our speaker/dinner. The meetings were

held at Bleu Restaurant and Bar, 3425 Frontis St. Winston-Salem. Due to Covid-19 we have not had any meetings or socials in over a year. However, with folks getting the vaccine and restrictions being lifted we are having discussions now to resume our meetings. An outdoor venue for a social event will be most likely be chosen for our next meeting. Details to come soon! Thanks in advance to our sponsors and our officers! Chapter President, Chris Ellis; Vice President, Carlos Vega; Secretary, Angie Puckett and Treasurer, Nick Ferrucci. We are looking forward to resuming our meetings, seeing everyone again and making 2021 a great year!"

President Danks reported that Executive Vice President/CEO Nash is tentatively planning to retire in 2023. Danks asked for interest in serving on a committee that will plan for the transition and the association's future staff leadership. Contact Danks if interested.

Southeast Concrete Masonry Association President James Cain provided an update on SCMA and National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) activities. "Check-off progressing well and has been sent to the Department of Commerce printing office and should be released for a vote in the next 60 days.

"In May, SCMA will conduct a roundtable discussion in Wake Forest on concrete masonry framed homes for masonry contractors that have an interest.

"The producers are extremely busy and some are in sold out status in certain markets. Business is really booming.

"SCMA provided an Estimating 101 virtual training class in May instructed by Randall Cox."

Attorney Tom Davis provided a legal issues update: "There have been two cases of special interest in the construction industry issued this year. The first, *Crescent University City Venture, LLC v. Trussway Manufacturing, Inc.*, extended the economic loss rule to construction-related matters. The economic loss rule states that when a duty to perform arises from a contract, no negligence claims can be brought for failing to perform that duty. The only remedy is pursuant to the terms of the contract.

"In *Trussway*, the Supreme Court of North Carolina held that an owner could not make a direct negligence claim against the manufacturer of a defective product used in a construction project. Relying on the economic loss rule, the Court stated that the owner could only pursue a contract action against the party with whom he had a contract, the GC, for the defective product or work.

"The application of the economic loss rule to construction matters, is subject to an exemption for residential home construction. The Supreme Court has repeatedly held that subsequent residential home buyers can maintain negligence claims against the original homebuilder. Such an exemption has not been extended to commercial construction, and language in *Trussway* indicates the Supreme Court is unlikely to make such an extension.

"The second case, *Carolina-A-Contracting, LLC v. J. Scott Campbell Construction Company, Inc.*, comes from the North Carolina Court of Appeals. In *Carolina-A-Contracting*, the Court expanded the application of the collateral course rule to construction-related cases. The collateral source rule states that the negligent defendant is not entitled to any credit for payments made from or by an independent source (i.e., insurance proceeds) to a plaintiff for the same injury to person or property. Essentially, the collateral source rule provides only one recovery for each injury.

"The *Carolina-A-Contracting* case involved a dispute between the GC and a second-tier subcontractor who was negligent. The negligent subcontractor argued that the amount it owed the GC for its negligent performance should be reduced by any money received by the GC from other subcontractors or insurance with respect to the defects underlying the lawsuit. The court disagreed, holding that *Carolina* was not entitled to any credit or offset for any payment by any other parties in this negligence case. Importantly, unlike *Trussway* above, the issue of the economic loss rule was not raised by the parties and not addressed by the Court of Appeals."

President Danks tentatively set the next meeting of the board for Wednesday September 1, 2021 and expressed appreciation to Brandon Hartsell and Bob Gates for arranging and hosting the meeting with Gates Construction Company's "Zoom" account.

President Danks declared the meeting adjourned by quoting Don Caldwell, "Masonry's doing good."

Member News

Scotty, Brad, and Brian Seagraves, Seagraves Masonry, lost both their parents within a few weeks of each other, their father on March 1st and their mother on April 26th. Bobby Ray Seagraves was 68 and lived in Rockwell. He was a brick mason from the time he got out of high school until he retired working with his sons at Seagraves Masonry. Linda Seagraves passed away April 26th. She was also 68.

Earnestine Dixon, mother of Roland Dixon, Jr., masonry instructor at Pender County High School, passed away February 25th. She was 76 and lived in Hampstead. She was the wife of the late Roland Dixon, Sr., who retired from Pender County High School in 2007 after teaching masonry for twenty-five years. That's when Roland Junior became the school's masonry instructor. Mr. Dixon senior passed in June of 2016.

Retired West Henderson High School masonry instructor Dennis Griffin passed away March 6th after a long battle with cancer. In June of 2012 the NCMCA Land of the Sky Chapter recognized Mr. Griffin, who regularly attended Land of the Sky chapter meetings, with a plaque that read "Presented to Dennis Griffin for dedication and service to the masonry industry and to Henderson County Schools." Mr. Griffin was

72 and lived in Hendersonville.

Walt Steele was promoted to CEO of Pine Hall Brick, becoming the fourth generation of his family to lead the Winston-Salem-based company. Fletcher Steele, 69, company president since 1989, will be executive chairman. Pine Hall, which manufactures face, paving and special shape clay brick, was started in 1922 and employs more than 250 people.

Christian Rogers, Michael J. Rogers Masonry, married Molly Staley on April 9th in Asheville. The newlyweds will make their home in Hendersonville.

Gary Brown passed away April 11th. He was the longtime safety director at Carolina Stalite. NCMCA's Ryan Shaver says, "Gary was the behind-the-scenes guy for making things happen at all the events the NCMCA has held at Stalite's Ben Ketchie Park.

Fred Campbell and NCMCA member firm Creative Masonry are the subject of MCAA Masonry magazine's "Masonry Wall of Fame" feature in the April 2021 issue. Page 36.

Many of you, especially the ones who have been regulars at MCAA events, will remember Tim O'Toole. Tim recently sent us the news that he and Trish have a healthy new baby boy. Jackson Timothy O'Toole arrived on Easter Sunday morning.

Annayeli Dionisio, a masonry student at Columbus Career & College Academy who won the 2021 "Butch Hardy Top Trowel" contest at Kinston in May and who finished in tenth place at the Samuel A. McGee memorial Contest Saturday, is the recipient of a Home Depot Foundation \$5,000 Scholarship. Annayeli was one of six students chosen for the scholarship awards in the southeast.

Past-President Calvin Brodie's daughter, Jasmine Washington, graduated from the UNC-CH Law School on May 15th.

The Triangle Business Journal reports Raleigh's Martin Marietta has agreed to buy Lehigh Hanson's West Region business for \$2.3 billion. It includes 17 active quarries, two cement plants and operations California and Arizona. Lehigh Hanson is an Irving, Texas-based subsidiary of Germany's Heidelberg Cement and is an NCMCA member.

Dennis Little of Pinnacle Masonry will be the instructor for the Wake Tech Masonry Continuing Education Class getting underway in August.

Israel Bugarin of Columbus Career & College Academy won the 2021 SkillsUSA State Conference Masonry Estimating Contest.

Gates Construction Company's recent project at Belmont Abby has been selected as the cover photo for the new 2021-2022 NCMCA membership directory. Distribution will be at the end of July.

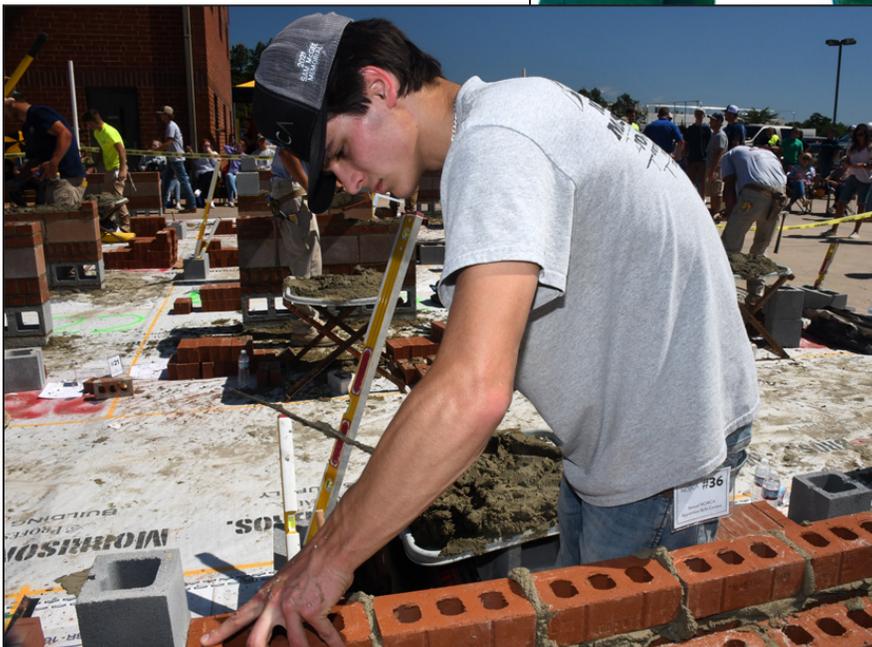
News from the Carolina masonry community for publication in "Member News" is always welcomed. Medical and other personal news is not shared unless the individuals concerned have confirmed their approval for publication. Send member news to information@ncmca.com or call the NCMCA office.



Hardy Top Trowel Competition Annayeli Dionisio (pictured) was the winner when EastWest Products hosted the annual “Butch Hardy Top Trowel” competition in May at their manufacturing and retail facility in Kinston. Masonry students from Pender County High School, North Lenoir High School, and Columbus Career & College Academy participated, a somewhat smaller number of schools than usual because of pandemic school travel policies. Students competed for cash and tool prizes and enjoyed a hotdog and hamburger lunch courtesy of Manning Masonry. Columbus Career & College Academy had a “clean-sweep,” with their team winning the top three places. Second Place went to Israel Bugarin and Kalyn Stover finished third. Dionisio has enjoyed a productive spring also placing “tenth place” in the Sam McGee Memorial Contest at Midland in May and earning a \$5,000 Home Depot Foundation Scholarship in April.

Regional Competitions Make a Cautious Return

Land of the Sky Contest Seventeen-year-old Reilly Mahoney (center,) a senior at Tuscola High School in Waynesville, is the Champion of the 2021 NCMCA Land of the Sky Chapter’s Annual High School Masonry Contest. Like most everything else, the contest was different this year. On April 30th, contestants were synchronized and allotted three hours to build their projects in the shops at their own school. A team of chapter judges was dispatched to each school to tabulate results. Pictured with Reilly are NCMCA Western Regional Vice President Don Caldwell (left) and Land of the Sky Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Jake Brogdon. Finishing in second and third place respectively were Braden Mackey of Brevard High School and Jackson Sawyer of Madison High School. Johnny Chub of Tuscola High School finished “First Place” in the first year division. *Photo by Joan Kennedy.*



Rowan Contest Anderson Pruett of West Rowan High School was the winner of the May 7th competition between masonry classes at South Rowan, West Rowan, and Jesse Carson High Schools. Twenty-one students participated at South Rowan High School. Finishing respectively from second to fifth place in the advanced category were O’Conner Leonard and Carter Barclay from West Rowan followed by Austin Cook of Jesse Carson High, and Aaron Russell from West Rowan. In the first year division, Mason Lee of West Rowan finished first, followed by Max Jones, Jesse Carson High, and Byron Allmon, West Rowan. West Rowan instructor Rodney Harrington said the students were disappointed that the pandemic canceled the usual Cabarrus-Rowan competition and the annual North Carolina SkillsUSA State Masonry contest but everyone enjoyed the scaled-back May 7th event and the opportunity to compete. Winner Anderson Pruett, a high school junior, competed in the May 15th NCMCA Annual Samuel A. McGee Memorial Apprentice Contest, managing a very respectable sixth place finish (pictured.)



Raleigh Training Apprentice training for NCMCA member firms continued in March with some nineteen participants from the Raleigh area. The event took place at Wake Tech., which will begin a continuing education masonry program in August. Dennis Little of Pinnacle masonry will be instructing. *Photo by Tu Phan*



Champions! Several past winners of the Annual NCMCA Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest, now the Samuel A. McGee Memorial Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest, were on hand for the 2021 competition in May. Bottom, left to right, Jace Huntley (2019), Lane Mullis (2015), Daniel Furr (2014), and Jamison "JK" Huntley (2017 & 2018.) Top row, left to right, Brandon McGee (1988,) Rhett Hallman (2009,) Garrett Hood (2002,) and Kent Huntley (1986.)

NCMCA Annual Golf Tournament
Save the Date!

Thursday September 23, 2021
Mill Creek Golf & Country Club
Mebane, NC

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Association."

Through his role as an NCMCA member, Manning helped deliver equipment and supplies the organization donated to PCC in support of its new masonry training, including several loads of bricks, concrete masonry units and tools. He thanked Nichols for her efforts to restart the masonry program at Pitt and said the college would have NCMCA's full support in its effort to produce skilled masons.

"(PCC) is where we can build the next generation of quality craftsmen," Manning said. "With the lack of masonry programming at the high school-level in this area, it is imperative we reach out to these students and make them aware that masonry is a viable and rewarding career path."

As a third-generation mason whose company has completed many large projects, including some at PCC and others at East Carolina University's Dowdy-Ficklen and Clark-LeClair stadiums, Manning had a message for students still searching for career guidance.

"No matter what your future holds, learn a trade," he said. "If you learn how to do something with your hands, no one can ever take it away from you. Your job will never be outsourced. You will never find yourself in the unemployment line."

For more information on PCC's new masonry program, contact Gail Nichols at (252) 493-7625 or gnichols@email.pittcc.edu

See more pictures from NCMCA events and activities linked at the NCMCA.com News page



Residential Masonry Framing NCMCA's Workforce Development & Training Coordinator Ryan Shaver (standing,) who constructed his own home with CMU masonry framing, leads a discussion at the May Southeast Concrete Masonry Association's (SCMA) roundtable held to share ideas and concerns about promoting masonry frame residential construction. The benefits of masonry-framed homes are numerous and undeniable, and skyrocketing increases in lumber prices are making the costs more competitive. A number of NCMCA contractors participated in the roundtable, several of whom have either built or plan to build their own homes utilizing masonry framing.

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 ers Company; Anderson Pruett, Sixth Place, Helms Masonry; Carter McGee, Seventh Place, McGee Brothers Company; Salvador Cruz De Leon, Eighth Place, Creative Masonry; Maria Torres, Ninth Place, Carolina Masonry Unlimited; and Annayeli Dionisio, Tenth Place, Fred Mason’s Masonry.

The contestants had two hours to construct a predetermined masonry project that was later judged by a team of masonry professionals from North Carolina and beyond. The difficulty of the assigned project and the short duration of the contest make this one of the most challenging apprentice competitions held anywhere in the nation.

For 2021, the Midland event included an exhibition competition for “first year” apprentices who have been participating in Ryan Shaver’s apprentice training for NCMCA member companies across the state. Seven first-year apprentices participated including Daniel Diaz of Brodie Contractors who had the top score in the first year contest.

Sam McGee (1939-2015) was co-founder and President of McGee Brothers Company in Monroe. Recognized as an innovator in the industry, Sam was inducted into the Masonry Contractors Association of America “Hall-of-Fame” in 2014 and was inducted into the National Masonry Instructors Association “Hall-of-Fame” in 2012. He had a passion for the masonry industry and for encouraging and teaching young people construction craft skills, especially masonry. In recognition of his contribution and dedication to masonry in the Carolinas, the annual contest is named in his memory.

The apprentice with the top score is presented the “David R. Sigmon Award” as first place finisher. The award is named in memory of David Sigmon, a journeyman mason from Hickory who passed away in 1998 while serving as NCMCA president-elect and who had been active in promoting this contest and other programs around the state to recruit and develop young craftsmen for masonry careers.

The 2022 Samuel A. McGee Memorial Contest is set for Saturday May 21st at Adams/Oldcastle in Colfax.

Thanks contributors and sponsors!

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\$300 - Custom Brick & Supply Company, EastWest Products, and Lynn Ladder & Scaffolding

\$250 - Brodie Contractors, Giant Cement, Lee Brick & Tile, Manning Masonry, Morrison Brothers, P & D Precast, Pinnacle Masonry, Pyramid Masonry Contractors, Raleigh Chapter, Roanoke Cement, SafeDay, and the Western Carolina Chapter

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Tool and Prize Donations: Adams/Oldcastle, EZG Manufacturing, iQ Power Tools, LehighHanson, Marshalltown Tools, Ram Tool, and Stabila

Special Assistance: Cad Blox

Contest Committee: James “Bo” Black, *Chairman;* Kent Huntley, *Head Judge;* Leland Eckard, *Committee Member Emeritus;* Doc McGee, Brandon Hartsell, Greg Huntley, Jody Little, and Ryan Shaver, *NCMCA Workforce Development & Training Coordinator*



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Dates to Note

- 6/7-6/10/21 World of Concrete/Masonry, Convention Center – Las Vegas
- 6/9/21 Masonry Madness Day - Las Vegas
- 7/11-7/14/21 National Masonry Instructors Association, Double Tree Resort – Myrtle Beach
- 7/19-7/23/21 NCDPI T&I Summer Conference, Koury Center – Greensboro
- 7/21/21 Masonry Instructors hosted by masonry industry – Greensboro (details pending)
- 8/26-8/29/21 Southeast Concrete Masonry Association 75th Annual Summer Meeting, Sonesta Resort – Hilton Head Island (updated info)
- 9/12-9/16/21 MCAA Mid-Year Meeting, Peabody Hotel - Memphis
- 9/23/21 NCMCA Annual Golf Tournament, Mill Creek Golf & Country Club – Mebane
- 10/18/21 State Fair Masonry Apprentice Contest, State Fairgrounds – Raleigh
- 10/29/21 Masonry Education Day/Carolina SPEC MIX BL500 Qualifier, Ben Ketchie Park – Gold Hill
- 11/2/21 Metrolina Chapter Golf Tournament, Mooresville Golf Club – Mooresville
- 1/14-1/16/22 Annual Raleigh Chapter Murdell Golf Tournament & Bus Tour – Grand Strand
- 1/17-1/20/22 World of Concrete/Masonry, Convention Center – Las Vegas
- 3/24-3/26/22 NCMCA Convention, Hyatt Regency Downtown – Greenville, SC
- 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.

Enjoying the Contest An extraordinary number of people were on hand for the 2021 Samuel A. McGee Memorial Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest in May at the McGee Brothers Company facility in Midland. Everyone enjoyed a barbecue chicken lunch provided by the NCMCA Metrolina Chapter and homemade ice cream and cake for desert made by employees of McGee Brothers Company. The estimate is that more than 320 were in attendance.

