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## 2026 NCMF Clay Day – Thank you for Pulling for Masonic Charity!

Brethren, friends, and supporters from across North Carolina came together at Hunter's Pointe Sporting Clays on April 17, 2026 for a memorable event filled with camaraderie, marksmanship, and shared commitment to charity.

Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of everyone involved, more than \$12,000 was raised in support of our Masonic charities, helping further the mission of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation to care for those in need across our state.

This event would not have been possible without the steadfast support of so many:

- Our participants who brought energy and excitement to the course
- Our sponsors whose generosity made a lasting impact
- Our volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure a smooth and successful day

Your dedication reflects the very best of our fraternity, turning fellowship into meaningful action.

### Looking Ahead

We're already looking forward to doing it again!

**Save the date:** Friday, April 16, 2027 at Hunter's Pointe Sporting Clays

Stay tuned for more details on next year's Clay Day—we hope to see you there!

View the full article at <https://mfnc.org/ncmf-clay-day/>

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Bobby and Lori Adams

Lori Adams was just 23 when she first joined the family business of giving back.

“Back then everyone kind of took you in and taught you about the ritualistic work and they were very supportive. It was like a family. We also did a lot of fundraising for different things.”

She eventually brought her husband Bobby into the fold and between the two of them, they have more than 70 years of service. This summer Lori will be the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and Bobby is a member of the Masonic Regional Advisory Committee.

“His doctor told him he had to have a hobby so he decided because I was Eastern Star that he would join the Masons and he hasn't slowed down ever since. He's been in, 26 years and I've been an Eastern Star 46 years,” she says. In fact the family ties go back even further. “My mom and grandparents were all Eastern stars. My dad was a Mason, so he and I went in the Eastern Star together after I got out of college.”

Over the years the Adams have given back in more ways than can remember, from helping pay for service dogs for children to scholarships for high school students.

“We've donated to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. We've donated to the White Stone Community, that used to be the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. You're supposed to help your brothers and sisters and your neighbors and be there for them in any way you can so this is one small way that we feel we can give back.”

Bobby also loves the camaraderie of being a Mason. “I enjoy the fellowship of the brothers and going out and meeting people. I have met people all over the state of North Carolina. When I was stationed in Nashville for a year I put the word out that I was a mason looking to visit some lodges and I had people coming down introducing themselves as masons, wanting me to come visit their lodges and everything else.”

The couple, who just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary, live in King, North Carolina, just north of Winston Salem and are both members of King Eastern Star Chapter 328.

Lori is excited about her new role in leadership.

*“It's a nice way to be able to help get others and get people excited and involved in the charities as well as helping in their local communities.”*



## LODGE SPOTLIGHT



### Youngsville Lodge No. 377

*Finding a way to give beyond today ...*

One of the first – that is what Youngsville Masonic Lodge No. 377 became, even though they didn't try to be in 2018. One of the first Lodges in North Carolina to establish a Lodge Charity Account (LCA), with the North Carolina Masonic Foundation (NCMF). It wasn't officially known as an LCA at the time and was a decision that came with a number of

questions, considerations, and ultimately a commitment, to ensure that giving courtesy of their Lodge would go on, well past the generation of brothers currently leading them.

“We started a golf tournament in 2012 and after four or five years, we started really making some money for charity,” stated Past Master and current Treasurer Mason Hurt. “Then we thought - if we stopped doing this fundraiser today, if members left us, or passed or for whatever reason, could we keep this up? We knew that we wanted to continue to give to Masonic Charity, even if our current members were no longer here.” With that thought in mind, WB Rich Cash and WB Don King, dedicated members of Youngsville Lodge No. 377, mentioned the NCMF to the Lodge, as a way to create a perpetual fund allowing the Lodge to grow and give funds in the future. “After learning about the ability to invest our charity for the future, knowing that one day another group of Masons would be responsible for charity,” Hurt said, “we were sold on the idea of having that assurance that Youngsville Lodge could always give in the name of charity through an LCA with the NCMF.”

And the Lodge continues today with their golf fundraiser, among other charitable activities, and continues to give to their LCA, building it to an amount and giving more than they ever imagine. Most importantly, establishing a secure and permanent source of charity for future generations at the Lodge. “It has been so easy with the NCMF's help. We utilize QR codes and we have access to information, accounting, and billing. It has been so seamless and easy to use this LCA to build our charity,” stated Mason. “What we stand for as Masons is raising funds, being present for those in need, all the time. This program with the NCMF, these LCA's, they make that responsibility easy to achieve, for every Lodge, every Mason. We know fundraising and participation can be challenging, but this is a great way to engage every member and the public, in an efficient and effective way, to fulfill that obligation and guarantee our charities will be supported for years to come.”

Sadly, and suddenly in March of 2026, Youngsville Lodge lost Brother King, a leader in the Lodge for decades and one of the first to share the NCMF with the Lodge in 2018. Through the NCMF and the LCA he and WB Cash worked so faithfully to establish, his compassion and giving, along with every brother of Youngsville Lodge now and in the future, becomes perpetual — a living legacy. In true Masonic fashion, Brother King and Youngsville Lodge worked with the NCMF not for themselves, but for the good of all who would follow at the Lodge. The gifts and giving of Youngsville No. 377 and its members, including WB King, have a certainty and security in working with the NCMF to truly give beyond today.

## ESTATE PLANNING

### A Gift Through Your Will: A Quiet and Generous Act with Eternal Power

Regardless of your stage in life, having a will matters—and that simple document can shape the future of those served by the North Carolina Masonic Foundation (NCMF) for generations.

A gift in your will is not reserved for the wealthy. It is a meaningful way for any Brother, Sister, family member, or friend to extend support for the Masonic values that have guided their life. After providing for loved ones, many choose to leave a percentage—large or small—of their remaining estate to the NCMF, ensuring ongoing charitable impact.

Consider a dedicated member who wanted his commitment to Masonry to endure. He cherished his lodge, the friendships, and the shared purpose of charity. When updating his will, he chose to leave 5% of his estate to the NCMF, with the remainder to his family. It required no change to his lifestyle and could be adjusted if needed. Yet, after his lifetime, that single decision helped grow the Foundation's endowment—supporting brothers in need, children without homes, scholarships for students, and relief during times of disaster or hardship. His quiet act of generosity continues to make a difference today.

Gifts through a will help ensure Masonic charity remains strong—caring for the future of our fraternity and changing lives for years to come.

To learn more, visit our free, confidential estate planning site at [legacy.mfnc.org](https://mfnc.org/legacy) or contact us for guidance.

## PHOENIX SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

### Member Spotlight – Brother David Collins, University Lodge No. 408

*Caring for Houses Made with Hands - Eternally*

Familiar with the North Carolina Masonic Foundation (NCMF) since he became a Mason, Brother David Collins recently came to discover what a donation to the NCMF truly means and truly does. “Generosity is important because it is service”. With these words and as a new member of the NCMF's Phoenix Society, Brother Collins was happy to note that his membership included tokens of recognition. Not for the purpose of self, but for generating a conversation about the NCMF with others. “You wear the lapel pin, the quarter-zip, you let others know about your support through the Phoenix Society, and more importantly, so they will ask you questions.” From those questions Collins takes the opportunity to stress what he believes is the true value of giving to the NCMF. “We speak in Masonry of that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Equally important are those houses made with hands here on earth, our NC Masonic Charities, and the homes and lives of brothers and sisters and those throughout our communities across this state who, in times of need, will seek our assistance. We need to make those houses, those causes, support for those lives and needs, eternal. And giving to the Foundation is eternal giving. That is what the Phoenix Society does. That is what the Foundation does.”

Hear from WB Collins himself, a proud Phoenix Society member and NCMF supporter in the video [linked here](#). Join Brother Collins in growing charity, for eternity, by becoming a Phoenix Society member today at <https://mfnc.org/how-to-give/phoenix-society/>

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