

# Piggott and Davis publish book on early Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masons

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Benjamin H. Piggott, a 32nd degree Prince Hall Mason, and Lenwood G. Davis published "The Life and Times of Four Early Grand Masters: James W. Hood, George W. White, James H. Young, and James E. Shepard of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc."

The Foreword was written by The Honorable Milton "Toby" Fitch, Jr. 23rd Grand Master of the Prince Hall Lodges in North Carolina.

James W. Hood was the founder of several Prince Hall Masonic Lodges in North Carolina and was the first Grand Master. He was also the first African-American Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of North Carolina, A.M.E. Zion Bishop, founder of over 200 churches, world traveler, founder of a newspaper, Deputy Collector Customs and Grand Patron of Order of the Eastern Star.

George W. White was Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons. He was a United States Congressman from North Carolina. He was the last African-American to serve in Congress after Reconstruction. White founded a bank, town, and co-founded a church. He was an attorney, Solicitor in the United States, real estate investor, and the first to introduce a bill in Congress making lynching a federal crime punishable by death.

James H. Young was Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masons, editor of a newspaper, Registrar of Deeds, Collector of Customs, the first African-American Colonel in the United States Army, the organizer and commanding officer of the Third North Carolina Infantry, Chief Fertilizer Inspector for the State of North Carolina and a real estate investor.

James E. Shepard was twice Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons. Besides being founder and President of North Carolina Central University, he was a Baptist Minister, pharmacist, world traveler, Field



Superintendent of Work. Among the Negroes for the International Sunday School Association, real-estate dealer, one of the founders of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance (one of the world's largest American insurance companies), editor of a newspaper, and co-founder of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs.

One of the chapters in the book discusses Joseph Charles Price, founder of

Livingstone College. Although he was not a Grand Master of the Prince Hall Lodge, he was a Grand Orator of the Masons and one of the best known Masons and African-American leader. Price was also an A.M. E. Zion Minister, founder of a magazine, woman's right advocate, president of two civil rights organizations, world traveler, international known orator and a Pan-Africanist.

The book also includes the writings and speeches of Prince Hall, James Walker Hood, George Henry White, James Hunter Young, James E. Shepard and Joseph Charles Price, past Grand Masters from 1870 - 2015, listings of names and locations of the M:W: Prince Hall Grand Lodges Free & Accepted Masons of North Carolina, Bibliography and Index.

Benjamin H. Piggott is a native of Winston-Salem. He attended the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County public schools, A&T State University, and W.S. Rutledge College. He is a graduate of Livingstone College, where he received a B.S. degree in physical education and health science. He is presently employed with the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department as a senior center supervisor. He was made Master Mason in May 1992 in Salem #139 in Winston-Salem under the jurisdiction of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina. He has served as a senior steward in 2011-2012. He is currently a

member of King Solomon Consistory #64 and is a member of Sethos Temple #170 AEAONMS in Winston-Salem. He is also a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Cocoa Phi Cocoa Social Fellowship, Inc.

Lenwood G. Davis is a native of Beaufort, N.C. He attended North Carolina Central University and Carnegie-Mellon University with a degree in history. Davis is a retired professor of Winston-Salem State University. The author has written several articles on James Walker Hood, James E. Shepard, and Joseph Charles Price. He is the author of "Quotation and Sayings of James E. Shepard and Selected Writings and Speeches of James E. Shepard, 1896-1946: Founder of North Carolina Central University."

Autographed copies of the Four Grand Masters book can be ordered from the authors by sending an e-mail to [davislenwood@yahoo.com](mailto:davislenwood@yahoo.com)

## \$625 million in WFU construction over 10 years enhances experience \$300 million in projects planned over next 5 years

Special to The Chronicle

Wake Forest University is in the midst of a 10-year, \$625 million construction effort that reflects the institution's commitment to offer the best residential college experience in the country.

Creating and transforming academic, residential and athletic spaces enhances classroom and campus life for students, while also providing a boost to the local economy.

Milestones from this fiscal year include:

\*Celebrating the completion of new academic, recreational and athletic facilities.

\*Transforming some of the original buildings on the 60-year-old campus, including extensively renovating the historic Reynolds Gym and several of the mid-century res-

idence halls surrounding Hearn Plaza.

All told, Wake Forest has completed more than \$325 million in construction projects over the past five years, with \$210 million of it going to local and regional construction companies, subcontractors and architectural firms and providing work for thousands of people.

The University has plans for \$300 million more over the next five years.

"The construction activity on campus underscores our commitment to educating the whole person through an integrated residential learning experience," said Wake Forest University President Nathan O. Hatch. "Wake Forest is determined to deliver the premier face-to-face liberal arts residential community, and our strategic vision includes investing in spaces that enhance all aspects of our students' wellbeing."

## Red Cross urges blood donations to help maintain summer supply

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GREENSBORO — The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood to help ensure a sufficient blood supply for patients now and throughout the summer.

Blood donations often



decline in the summer months, especially around summer holidays when donors are less available to give. The need for blood doesn't decrease though — every two seconds, someone in the U.S. requires blood or platelets. In fact, a recent survey of Red Cross blood and platelet donors showed that nearly half knew someone who needed blood or they needed blood themselves.

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people you know and work alongside every day," said Scott Nethery, whose seven-year-old daughter Audrey requires frequent transfusions. Audrey was

born with Diamond Blackfan anemia, a rare condition where her body doesn't make enough red blood cells. "I am so appreciative of the individuals whose blood is within my daughter at this very moment. Without blood, my little angel would not be with us today."

Donors of all blood types are needed now. Schedule an appointment to give blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:**

\*American Red Cross Winston-Salem Blood Donation Center, 650 Coliseum Drive:

Monday, 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Winston-Salem: Today, Thursday, July 14, 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Lowes Hardware University Parkway, 5901 University Parkway

\*King: Today, Thursday, July 14, 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., YMCA of Northwest North Carolina, 105 Moore Road

**How to donate blood**

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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