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## Grace Trip to Orlando in March

In a release from Grace Senior Center: Grace Senior Center is sponsoring a 3 day / 2 night trip to sunny Orlando, Florida from March 25 to 27, 2015. The cost of the trip is \$312 per person, based on 35 to 40 paying participants. If less than 35 paying persons, the cost may be slightly higher. The package includes 2 hot breakfasts, 2 full course dinners, including a dinner at Capone's Dinner Theatre, travel 7000 miles and 2000 years back to the land of the Bible at The Holy Land Experience, visit Universal's CityWalk which is a 30-acre entertainment complex with restaurants, shops, nightclubs and cinemas, Downtown Disney featuring unique shops in the Marketplace and Downtown Disney West and Motorcoach transportation.

They are now accepting deposits of \$50 with the final payment due on February 28, 2015. For more information or to register, please call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616.

# Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



## Kilwinning Lodge #64 AF&AM

Kilwinning Masonic Lodge was originally chartered in 1813 at a period of time when sometimes reporting to the Grand Lodge was very slow. Then in 1851 the charter was updated, and is still active today. According to some of the old records there were eighteen members in 1813, and there were twenty one members in 1818. Today the total membership is approximately one hundred and fifty.

The "Masonic Hall" was built circa 1850, and after the ninety nine year property lease ran out it was moved in 1951 to its present location on South Greene Street - one block "down the hill" onto a lot given by Mrs. Elizabeth Ingram Little in memory of her father John Billingsley Ingram and her husband Frank Milton Little, both of whom were departed members

of Kilwinning Lodge. After much work and changes it is a very unique structure of interest to many. The sills and much of the original framework are hand hewn and "pegged" together. The original floors are "full-inch heart pine" and some of the walls (original) are plaster on hand-cut lathe that varies in thickness from about an inch to some strips as much as an inch and a half. Of course the original doors and other items are all handmade. The old kerosene lamps have been replaced with electric fixtures to resemble the originals, and restrooms and a kitchen have been added - always with an effort to keep as much of the "original" as possible.

The above sign I designed, built and installed in 1998 - and despite what Chesley and Pete say, I did not take part in the original 1813 charter night!! Ed

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## Wildlife Commission Offers Free Turkey Hunting Seminars Statewide

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and the National Wild Turkey Federation are offering 17 free turkey hunting seminars across North Carolina in March and April in anticipation of the upcoming spring turkey season.

The seminars, which will be conducted on introductory and advanced levels, will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at eight locations throughout the state. They are open on a first-come, first-serve basis to all ages, although participants 16 years and younger will need parental permission to register.

The introductory seminars are designed for novice hunters or those who have never hunted turkey and would like to learn more. Topics will include biology, hunting methods, calls and decoys, firearms and ammo selection, camouflage clothing, and turkey cleaning and cooking techniques.

The advanced seminars are for experienced turkey hunters. They will focus on advanced biology, and more complex hunting tactics, calls and decoys. Advanced seminars also will include tips and strategies for dealing with stubborn, hard-to-hunt gobblers.

A question-and-answer session, along with a brief presentation on hunter recruitment, retention and re-activation, will conclude each seminar.

- Dates and locations are:
- March 3, 5 (Intro) and March 17 (Advanced) at Centennial Campus Center for Wildlife Education, 1751 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, 919-707-0202
  - March 9 (Intro) and March 10 (Advanced) at N.C. State University Cooperative Extension, Caldwell County Center, 120 Hospital Ave NE/Suite, Lenoir, 828-757-1290
  - March 11 (Intro) and March 12 (Advanced) at N.C. State University Cooperative Extension, Forsyth County Center, 1450 Fairchild Rd., Winston-Salem, 336-703-2850
  - March 18 (Intro) and March 19 (Advanced) at N.C. State University Cooperative Extension, Cumberland County Center, 301 East Mountain Dr., Fayetteville, 910-321-6880
  - March 23 (Intro) and March 24 (Advanced) at Bass Pro Shops, 8181 Concord Mills Blvd., Concord, 704-979-2200
  - March 25 (Intro) and March 26 (Advanced) at N.C. State University Cooperative Extension, Onslow County Center, 4024 Richlands Hwy., Jacksonville, 910-455-5873
  - March 30 (Intro) and March 31 (Advanced) at N.C. State University Cooperative Extension, Pitt County Center, 403 Government Circle, Suite 2, Greenville, 252-902-1702
  - April 1 (Intro) and April 2 (Advanced) at N.C. State University Cooperative Extension, Mountain Horticulture Crops Research and Extension Center, 455 Research Dr., Mills River, 828-684-3562

The statewide season for male or bearded turkey is April 11 through May 9, with a youth-only week from April 4-10. Regulations and restrictions on turkey hunting, including information on youth season, are available in the 2014-15 Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest.

"Prior to 2015, the Wildlife Commission has held turkey hunting seminars only in Raleigh," said Walter "Deet" James, the Commission's hunting heritage biologist. "Because they were such a huge success and filled up almost immediately, we wanted to offer them in other parts of the state to bring awareness of conservation and wildlife-associated recreation to a greater proportion of North Carolinians."

Pre-registration for the turkey hunting seminars is required. Register online ([www.ncwildlife.org/sbs](http://www.ncwildlife.org/sbs)) or contact Casey Williams at 919-707-0202 or [casey.williams@ncwildlife.org](mailto:casey.williams@ncwildlife.org) for more information. Visit [www.ncwildlife.org/hunting](http://www.ncwildlife.org/hunting) and click on the "What to Hunt" link for information about wild turkeys in North Carolina.

## Do You Need a Coat or Blanket? Would You Like to Donate?

The Faith-Based Center of Hope has begun their "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" program. They have distributed coats to several of the churches and schools in Anson County.

Blankets for the elderly are also available. Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church is the pick up site, or you can deliver donated items there too. Just call to schedule it.

To donate coats and blankets or to request help, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 or Ester Lindsey at 704-848-8452.

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**Monroe Campus Event: February 19, 2015 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

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