



Toussaint Louverture Lodge #524 Newsletter



DINNER WITH THE SISTERS OF WHITE ROSE CHAPTER #157

On April 23, we had the pleasure of hosting the Sisters of White Rose Chapter #157. We truly enjoyed their visit, which was followed by a warm and wholesome fellowship meal prepared by the Kitchen Committee lead by PM Victor McCollum. During the evening, meaningful discussions took place regarding future opportunities for inclusion and collaboration involving both White Rose Chapter #157 and Toussaint Louverture Lodge #524. We look forward to upcoming events and functions that will allow our organizations to continue building fellowship and working together in unity.





SPRING FURNITURE MARKET

The Spring Furniture Market Parking Lot Detail Fundraiser was a successful event. While the schedule was tight and we encountered a few challenges, the overall outcome was very positive. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the Brothers who assisted with this effort. Your flexibility, teamwork, and collective "let's get it done by any means" attitude were instrumental to the success of this fundraiser and reflect the true spirit of our Brotherhood.



FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

COMMUNITY EVENT

- FRIED FISH
- BAKED BEANS
- SLAW
- BREAD
- SLICE OF CAKE

FISH SANDWICH \$7 DONATION

MAY 16, 2026
1215 EAST WASHINGTON STREET
HIGH POINT, NC 27260
10:00AM-4:00PM

SPRING FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

On May 16, we will host our Spring Fish Fry Fundraiser, the second fundraiser of the year. As we prepare, we are requesting the full participation of all Brothers to ensure a strong turnout and a successful event. This fundraiser has traditionally served as an excellent opportunity to bring together our Brothers and the community for fellowship, camaraderie, and shared celebration.

REMEMBERING BROTHER HUBERT GIBSON

Brother Hubert Gibson, 91, peacefully passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at Adams Farm Living and Rehabilitation in Jamestown, N.C. He was born on September 17, 1934, to the late Slade Sr. and Bessie Mae Bennet Gibson in Scotland County, NC

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years. Mary E. Alexander Gibson, one brother and four sisters. Hubert attended school in Scotland County before moving to High Point, North Carolina, at a young age. Throughout his life, he had held various jobs, and eventually retired from Braxton Culler, and the High Point Furniture Market. He was also a member of Toussaint Louverture Lodge #524. His dedication to service extended to the Shriners, an organization recognized for its charitable efforts and support of children in need. Hubert was well known wherever he went, possessing a personality that was infectiously larger than life. An outstanding husband and father. He shared a special bond with his son, Anthony, particularly enjoying their time together at High School football games. Hubert had a passion for traveling. Deep sea fishing, baseball, watching old Westerns, and cooking for his family and friends to name a few.





BROTHER RANDY SLADE DOING SOME NEEDED
REPAIR ON OUR LODGE SIGN.

MEMORIAL DAY

On May 1, 1865, in Charleston, South Carolina, the recently freed Black population held a parade of 10,000 people to honor 257 dead Black Union soldiers. The Black Soldiers had been buried in a mass grave at the Washington Race Course, having died at the Confederate prison camp located there. After the city fell, the freed Black population unearthed and properly buried the Black Soldiers, placing flowers at their graves. The event was reported contemporaneously in the Charleston Daily Courier and the New-York Tribune. Historian David Blight has called this commemoration the first "**Memorial Day**".

Birthdays

- Walter Jackson May 6
- Michael Pittman May 16
- Bobby Davis May 26
- Gary Hines May 26
- Rick Colbert May 29

Service Anniversaries

- Travis Beamon-May 24, 2014 (12 years)
- Walter Jackson-May 24, 2014 (12 years)

Upcoming Events

- Mothers Day- May 10
- Toussaint Louverture Lodge #524 Meeting Night- May 14
- Spring Fish Fry- May 16
- Memorial Day- May 25
- Toussaint Louverture Lodge #524 Meeting Night- May 28
- 5th Sunday Sit-In (**Location to Be Determined**)- May 31

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