

# CAROLINA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## President's Note

I hope that all who read this are (and remain) safe and healthy – free from this virus that has turned our world upside-down. Hopefully, it will be good to turn our attention momentarily to Lewis and Clark history and the national and local news of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

On February 14, our chapter was honored with a visit by the National Board President, the new Executive Director, and the National Board Treasurer. More on this visit later in this newsletter.

We also welcome several new members, including Wayne Madry, who is serving as a member of the National Board. Wayne's bio is also included later in this newsletter.

Later this summer, we will have (if not cancelled) the opportunity to attend a national meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia, within easy driving distance for most Carolina Chapter members. I encourage all members to plan to be in Charlottesville for this meeting.

The public health problem we are dealing with is unprecedented and unique. It is difficult to make comparisons with the expedition. But there is one that can be made. The Corps of Discovery overcame obstacles and successfully solved problems on a daily

basis. And that is what we are and will be doing.

Keep safe and healthy. You are in our prayers.

**Trent Strickland, President**

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## EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNALS: Leaving Fort Mandan April 7, 1805

### [Lewis]

Our vessels consisted of six small canoes, and two large perogues. This little fleet altho' not quite so respectable as those of Columbus or Capt. Cook <sup>□</sup> were still viewed by us with as much pleasure as those deservedly famed adventurers ever beheld theirs; and I dare say with quite as much anxiety for their safety and preservation. we were now about to penetrate a country at least two thousand miles in width, on which the foot of civillized man had never trodden; the good or evil it had in store for us was for experiment yet to determine, and these little vessells contained every article by which we were to expect to subsist or defend ourselves. however as this the state of mind in which we are, generally gives the colouring to events, when the immagination is suffered to wander into futurity, the picture which now presented itself to me was a most pleasing one. entertaing (now) as I do, the most confident hope of succeeding in a voyage which had formed a da[r]ling project of mine for the last ten years (of my life), I could but esteem this moment of my (our) departure as among the most happy of my life. The party are in excellent health and sperits, zealously attached to the enterprise, and anxious to proceed; not a whisper of murmur or discontent to be heard among them, but all act in unison, and with the most perfect harmony. I took an early supper this evening and went to bed. Capt. Clark myself the two Interpreters and the woman and child sleep in a tent of dressed skins. this tent is in the Indian stile, formed of a number of dressed Buffaloe skins sewed together with sniues. <sup>Ⓜ</sup> it is cut in such manner that when foalded double it forms the quarter of a circle, and is left open at one side where it may be attached or loosened at pleasure by strings which are sewed to its sides to the purpose. to erect this tent, a parsel of ten or twelve poles are provided, fore or five of which are attached together at one end, they are then elivated and their lower extremities are spread in a circular manner to a width proportionate to the demention of the lodge, in the same position orther poles are leant against those, and the leather is then thrown over them forming a conic figure.—

## **Visit by Foundation President, Executive Director, and Treasurer**

The Carolina Chapter was honored on February 14 in Greensboro to host Lou Ritten, National President of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, along with Sarah Cawley, Executive Director, and Yvonne Kean, Treasurer. President Lou Ritten shared his goals for the future and in particular discussed approaches and changes that might help small, declining in membership, off-the-trail chapters - a category that includes the Carolina Chapter. More on Lou's plans and recommendations will be included in future newsletters.

Present at this meeting, and pictured below, were Carolina Chapter members John Lipscomb, Tom and Grace Dillon, Jesse and Shirley Alford, Jim Hendrix and Laura Wilson, David Apple, Wayne Madry, and Trent and Clara Strickland.



## Welcome New Members

The Carolina Chapter welcomes four new members, including Wayne Madry of Statesville, NC, Betty Mullins of Greer, SC, Jason Levister of Fayetteville, NC, and John Hoover of Statesville, NC.

Wayne Madry is retired with 22 years of USAF military background. He currently works for the North Carolina Community College System as a Business System Analyst II.

Wayne graduated from Troy State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Administrative Management, and he earned a Master's in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. His hobbies include traveling, sightseeing, music, and above all - family. He takes pride in having served as a mentor for the Minority Males Mentoring Program.

During participation in "hike the hill," Wayne recognized a passion to continue in preservation of this part of our American Heritage. As a member of the LCTHF national board, he hopes to review, challenge, and renew policies which impede the objectives of the LCTHF, strengthen the use of education pathways to support future projects, and to increase the awareness of the African-American contributions to the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Bios of the other new members will appear in future newsletters.



New member Wayne Madry is pictured at left. Above, LCTHF President Lou Ritten addresses the Carolina Chapter on February 14.

## CHAPTER DUES

For 2020

All chapter members are asked to forward their annual dues payment to Jim Hendrix, our Chapter Treasurer, at P.O. Box 2094, Cashiers, NC 28717. Dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families.

Dues payments are VERY important to the Carolinas Chapter for two reasons. First of all, they serve to fund our chapter meetings and activities. Secondly, your payment communicates your wish to become or to remain a member of the Carolina Chapter as we move forward.

In addition to the address above, Jim Hendrix can be reached by email at [jamesphendrix@gmail.com](mailto:jamesphendrix@gmail.com) or by phone at (828) 743-9711.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA. THE DATES WILL BE FROM AUGUST 2 THROUGH AUGUST 5.

Please visit the LCTHF Website at:

[Lewisandclark.org](http://Lewisandclark.org)

**UPDATE: The Foundation is requesting that members hold off on purchasing Annual Meeting and post-meeting tickets until further notice due to the current conditions and challenges of Covid-19. Continue to visit the website for updates.**

## THE JOURNALS OF THE LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION

All journal entries and references in this newsletter are from *The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. 2005. U of Nebraska Press / U of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries-Electronic Text Center. 5 Oct. 2005, edited by Gary Moulton. The journals can be accessed online at:

<http://lewisandclarkjournals.unl.edu/index.html>

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