

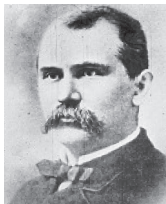
# Inscriptions

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Luminary Tour

**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 7, 2015**



Dr. Thomas F. Wood



Dr. John T. Hoggard

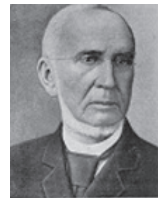


Dr. Charles Nesbit

This year, the Fifth Annual Luminary Tour will highlight the accomplishments of some of the over fifty medical doctors who are interred at Oakdale. The ones chosen for the tour are a varied lot. Two are outstanding public health officials – Dr. Thomas Fanning Wood (1831-1892) and Dr. Charles Nesbit. A Confederate soldier and surgeon, Dr. Wood is considered the father of the North Carolina State Board of Health. Dr. Nesbit (1870-1938) the city of Wilmington's Superintendent of Public Health and in that capacity championed efforts to implement and improve the city's sewer system and clean water. Dr. John Thomas Hoggard (1879-1965) was a World War I veteran who served the community not only in the medical profession, but was active in education circles, serving as



Chairman of the New Hanover County School Board for 23 years. The deRosset family has had six physicians in its illustrious history, three of whom are buried in Oakdale on the same lot.



Dr. Armand John deRosset, II

Dr. Armand John deRosset, II, (1757-1859) was the first president of Oakdale Cemetery. Also highlighted will be Dr. David

William Bulluck (1853-1914) and Dr. Ernest Southerland

Bulluck (1888-1944), the latter who was the founder of Bulluck Hospital, a forerunner of Cape Fear Memorial Hospital.

Dr. William Houston Moore (1880-1948)

was the first chairman of the Wilmington Housing Authority and civic leader whose interest in the beauty of Greenfield Lake led to his suggestion that an annual azalea festival be held.



These men contributed greatly not only to the health of the City of Wilmington, but to the cultural and educational welfare of the port city. ◆



## Calendar of Events



### Annual Meeting of the Friends of Oakdale Cemetery

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Oakdale Cemetery will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kenneth Sprunt Office Building.

### Friends of Oakdale Cemetery Board Meetings

Second Tuesday of every month, 12:00 noon. Kenneth Sprunt Building, Oakdale Cemetery.

### Walking Tour – Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

The leader of this tour will be Eric Kozen, Oakdale Superintendent. Mr. Kozen will give an in-depth look at the history of the cemetery including a few interesting folks interred in Oakdale, the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1862 and funerary art. Admission is \$10 for non-members; free for members.

### Fifth Annual Luminary Event – Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015

This year, the theme will be concentrated on the medical doctors who are interred in Oakdale. Over 600 luminaries will line the paths of the cemetery to the graves of six doctors who have contributed to the health of our city. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are \$15 each,

limited number available, 35 per group. Tours are 6:15pm, 6:30pm, 6:45pm and 7:00pm. Tickets available at the office starting Oct 1st.

### Veterans Day – November 11, 2015

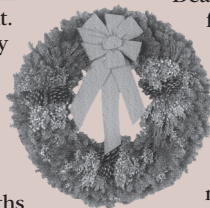
United States Flags will be placed on the graves of veterans of all wars who are buried throughout the cemetery.



### Christmas Greenery Sale

Deadline will be November 27, 2015

for ordering Christmas wreaths or trees, which will be placed on the graves of loved ones about two weeks before the holiday and will be removed after the holiday season. The wreaths are \$35.00 for non-members and \$33.00 for members. The trees are \$25.00 for non-members and \$23.00 for members.



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(Recorded between January 1, 2015 and June 30, 2015)

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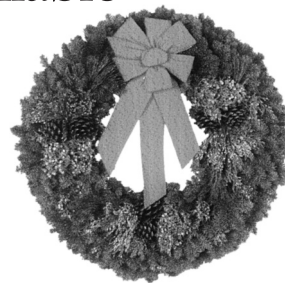
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Ms. Erin Moore  
Master Tab Taylor

## Holiday Wreaths and Christmas Trees Available

**ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY NOVEMBER 27, 2015.**

The Friends of Oakdale Cemetery offer Christmas wreaths and small trees. This year the fresh live wreaths will be identical to last year's - 25" across with a waterproof red bow. Additionally, we are offering again this year, fresh small Christmas trees - approximately 25" in height, with a red small bow tied at the top. The wreaths and trees will be placed on the gravesite of your loved ones during the second week of December.



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Make checks payable to:

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**PLEASE MARK THE ITEM OR ITEMS YOU WISH TO ORDER.**

\_\_\_\_ Wreath, 25" across  
\$35.00 each.  
(\$2.00 off each for members)

\_\_\_\_ Christmas Tree,  
25" tall, \$25.00 each.  
(\$2.00 off each for members)

Provide the name of the person BURIED on the lot and check the appropriate selections.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WREATH \_\_\_\_\_ TREE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WREATH \_\_\_\_\_ TREE \_\_\_\_\_

Record YOUR contact information should we need clarification on your order.

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## Completed Maintenance Projects

This summer, the Friends of Oakdale Cemetery have completed several needed maintenance projects, which are:

- Pruning the cemetery's dogwood trees;
- Repair and replace galvanized pipes, collars and stabilize posts on fourteen orphaned lots with pipe fences, located primarily in Section K;
- Repair the chain fencing on Nancy Martin's Lot (the girl buried in the keg of rum); and

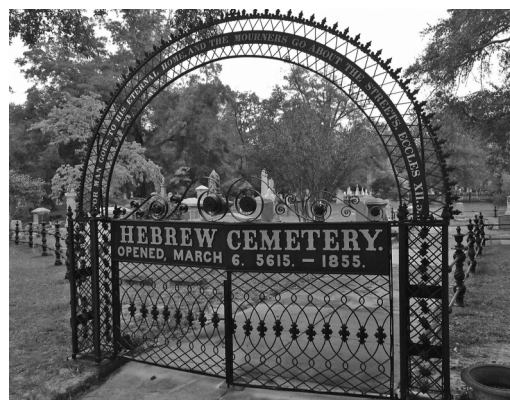


The total cost of these projects was over \$28,000. We thank our members and friends for their generosity in helping us fund these projects.

The Friends of Oakdale Cemetery were happy to partner with the Temple of Israel in re-painting the fence around the Hebrew Cemetery. There were also some minor repairs made to the fence caused from fallen limbs damaging some of the rails. This is one of the more distinguished and visible fences in Oakdale being located on a main road of the cemetery and we are delighted to see it continue to look it's best. ❖



- Pressure wash, paint fences at the Peden Lot (Sec C), Fowler Lot (Sec D) and the Bettencourt Lot (Sec E), which are also orphaned lots.



### HISTORICAL TOURS

The Friends of Oakdale Cemetery wish to thank our talented and knowledgeable tour guides who have led a record number of tour participants during 2015.

We recognize Janet Seapker, Eelco Tinga, Robin Triplett, Kenneth Newland, Ed Gibson, Chris Fonvielle, Eric Kozen, Michael Whaley and David Rice for their help in making our historical tours so successful.

### VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED!

If you would like to become more involved with the Friends of Oakdale Cemetery, Inc., we have lots of opportunities for you.

- TOUR GUIDES
- RESEARCH
- NEWSLETTER
- LANDSCAPING/ GARDENING
- FUND RAISING
- DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL



Please call the Oakdale Cemetery office for more information.

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### Tombstone Symbols

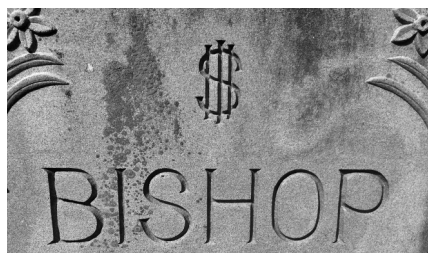
One of the most common symbols seen on tombstones, especially Roman crosses is the symbol IHS or IHC. The origin is rather simple;



it is Jesus' name in upper and lowercase Greek lettering, which is IHSOYS/ ihsoys or IHSUS/ ihsus. IHS



is derived from the first three letters of Jesus' name using the Greek letters: Iota, Eta Sigma. The IHC is from the first three letters of Jesus' name in the Roman alphabet. ❖



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Please contact me about volunteering!

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