



# King's Grant *Town Crier*

August | 2020

## Meet Your New Executive Director

A hearty welcome to our new Executive Director, James Souter!

James is a Georgia native who comes to us from Searstone Retirement Community in Cary, North Carolina, where he served as the Associate Executive Director/Administrator. In addition to his most recent experience, James has over ten years of experience in skilled nursing administration and accounting. He is a graduate of Georgia Southern University with a Bachelors of Business Administration with a major in Finance and a minor in Management.

James will arrive on campus on August 3rd and will be residing on campus for a period of time while he arranges relocation. While we are still wearing our masks and practicing social distancing, we'll be announcing some activities that will allow residents and staff the opportunity to meet James. Please drop James an email or give him a call as he settles in.

To help us get to know him a little better, we asked James about some of his favorites and from his answers, we can tell that James is going to fit right in to the King's Grant family and feel at home in the Martinsville community.

### James's Favorites

**Food:** Medium Rare Steak

**Dessert:** Bananas Foster

**Movie:** "Forrest Gump"

**Hobbies:** Hunting, Fishing, Skiing, Golf

**Spectator Sports:** College football (Georgia Bulldogs), Golf

**Best Vacation:** James studied abroad in Innsbruck, Austria. He says, "I was 'studying,' but it felt like a vacation."

James also wanted us to know one thing that makes him unique, "My hearing is quite poor – probably from shooting without ear protection. I like to let others know, at many times I miss pieces of conversation and I don't want to come across as being rude."

There you have it... a brief introduction to James. I know you'll welcome him with open hearts and open arms... but no hugging quite yet! We're thrilled to have him on board and a special thank you to the King's Grant leadership team and Resident Council who provided invaluable assistance and feedback during our Executive Director search.

# The Chaplain's Office

**First Beatitude:** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” **Matthew 5:3** “Lord, today I claim that I am a blessed person—chosen, cherished, and called by You to experience the lasting joy of true greatness according to Your measurements. You have shown me that to be poor in spirit is to be humble. Help me not be less than I am, but to confess my need for Your help to be all that You have destined for me to be and do. I admit my insufficiency and inadequacy, while humbly putting my trust in You. Today I seek to know and do Your will and grow through what You reveal in and around me.”

“At the end of the day, help me take a creative inventory: Was I humble in spirit? Did I live on the growing edge? Was I quick to admit my need for You? Have I grown today through what I thought and experienced? Did pride or my need to be adequate get in the way of what You wanted to teach me?”

“Now Lord, I commit to You all of my unresolved problems and unfinished tasks. Knowing that I am a citizen of the kingdom of heaven under Your rule, I thank You in advance for what You will do in my life today.”

**Second Beatitude:** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” **Matthew 5:4** “Lord, I begin this day knowing that greatness is living in daylight compartments. It is keeping short accounts with You, with myself, and with others. Help me never to carry over to the next day unconfessed sins I have committed, unforgiven hurts done to me by others, and unhealed resentments about what life has dished out to me.”

“Today Lord, I receive Your grace and will live as a forgiven and forgiving, caring person. Help me to mourn over what breaks Your heart. I pray that I will be quick to seek Your forgiveness for my failures and will not carry the burden of guilt. Because of Your forgiveness, may I quickly forgive others and seek their forgiveness. And feeling the suffering of the world, I pray that I will become an intentional disciple to bring healing and hope to other people.”

“In this day, I pray for the comfort of Your presence, forgiveness, encouragement, exhortation, and power. Thank you for Your comfort when I feel deeply the pain and suffering of others. May I be a comfort to them today.”

**From “Quiet Moments with God” by former Chaplain of the U.S. Senate,  
Lloyd John Ogilvie, 2000.**

**Tune into channel 971 for live Sunday Worship Services from  
Chaplain Paul Johnson.**

**4:15pm every Sunday until further notice.**

Disciples Study led by Giles Martin

**Bible Study will be held live on channel 971 from  
the chapel on Wednesdays at 1:30pm**

**Studying the book: The Four Priorities**



**In Loving Memory**

Harry Thorbjornsen 7/14



**No Communion Services until further notice. We look forward to getting back to our regular schedule.**

**JOIN A LIVE WELLNESS CLASS FROM THE  
COMFORT OF YOUR HOME**

**CLASSES START AT 10:30am CHANNEL 971  
TURN US ON...TURN US UP**



**SEATED CHAIR CLASSES**

**10:30-11:00am**

**Every MONDAY**

**WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**



**STANDING EXERCISE,  
BALANCE, & TAI CHI CLASSES**

**10:30-11:15am**

**Every TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

These have been unusual days, a period in our lives and history that we could not foresee or imagine. We are truly learning the definition of *pandemic*. We have all faced various challenges. We miss our families, friends, churches, and those wonderful times we have shared together at King's Grant. Many of us have learned how to order groceries, medicines and other things online.

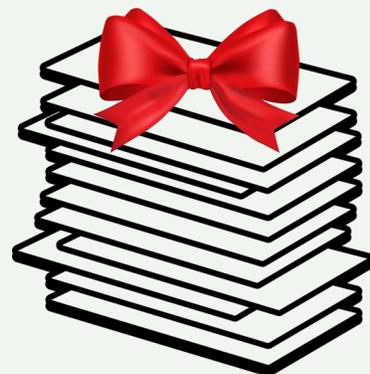
While we have not liked all of the restrictions, we understand that our wonderful staff have done a superb job keeping us safe and healthy. They are truly our Heroes. And I join with many of you in taking our hats off to them and praising them for who they are and what they have done! All you need to do is read about what has happened in some other retirement communities to know how blessed we have been.

On the Resident's Association I have the privilege of serving as Chairman of the KG Gift Committee. And truly it is a privilege, especially this year. As you know, unless you are a new resident, tipping is not permitted at KG. Our words of appreciation to each and every staff member is so important and appreciated, but the work of the Gift Committee gives us an opportunity to once a year express our appreciation in a tangible way. During November you will have an opportunity to contribute to the Christmas Gift Fund for our staff. You will learn more about this later in the Fall, and I'll bet that this year no stewardship sermons will be needed from this retired preacher!

The other members of the Gift Committee are Pat Baumann, Merlow Luttrell, Lang Mauck, Ron Rebman, and Ellen Thomason. Another blessing I have had is working with this group. Along with the members of the Gift Committee we look forward to the fall campaign, being able to get back together again, and to the arrival our new Executive Director, Mr. James Souter.

Blessings and Peace,

Dennis Knight  
Chairman Gift Committee



## Sightings Around Campus:

A wonderful parade of cars and family members for July 4<sup>th</sup>!

A pair of ducks in the Remembrance Garden!

Hot dogs served from Francks' Place portico!

Resident vegetable gardens flourishing and providing fresh vegetables!

Several skunks in yards on Frontier Trail!

American flags abundant!

Welcome to the new residents who have moved in during this pandemic. We look forward to seeing, meeting, and having fun when all this is lifted!

Right now we stay in, keep our distance, and stay safe!

### Your Resident Council



# Staff Birthdays



Shawana Martin	8/1
Truman Adkins	8/3
Dominique Gilbert	8/6
Anita Quinn	8/7
Benjamin Caudill	8/9
Nancy Jennings	8/12
Mary George	8/13
Kimberly Register	8/14
Tammy Ashby	8/15
Shannon Chitwood	8/22
Vickey Hooker	8/23
Leighanne Kiser	8/30
Ema Martin	8/31
Tina Easterling	8/31

# Resident Birthdays

David Chittum	8/1
Fred Woodson	8/7
Doris Byrd	8/8
Bobby Pruitt	8/8
Nancy Wyatt	8/14
Wendy Shook	8/14
Eloise Fidell	8/17
William Plonk	8/19
Susan Yellin	8/21
Patsy Draper	8/23
Nanette Smith	8/24
Peg Hollander	8/24
Charles Moore	8/26
Ronald England	8/27
Norene Lester	8/30
Susanna Carle	8/31

Please Help Welcome Our New Hires to King's Grant

- Susan Kamandala, C.N.A.
- Korinne Stafford, Receptionist Asst.
- Brianne Lusk, Receptionist Asst.
- Hannah Cooke, C.N.A.
- Courtney Cole, LPN
- Carolyn Oliver, Employee Screener



John & Carolyn McCraw  
8/3/1968 (52 years)

Smitty & Ann Grogan  
8/15/1959 (61 years)

Joe & Mary Higgins  
8/21/1954 (66 years)

Jim & Marilyn Fisher  
8/31/1957 (63 years)

# Welcome Home

— WHERE YOU BELONG —



**BOB & LINDA MOORE**  
**12 FRONTIER TRAIL**



**SALLY JORDAN**  
**APARTMENT 420**



**BILL & JEAN GOLIGHTLY**  
**112 MILLTRACE**



**RAY & CAROLYN CARR**  
**205 PATRIOT**



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**EMPLOYEE**  
**OF THE MONTH**  
**Diana Todd,**  
**Dining Services Assistant**  
**AUGUST 2020**



A SPECIAL  
*thank you*

Thank you Lady Grant, Pat & Dwight Christenbury.

Thank you for continuing to patrol the campus and keeping the geese out of yards and from messing up the trails, pond and main entrance. Your work is not going unnoticed. We all see you!

# Activities Report



## Follow Up

## Stories

**An unusual travel – or non-travel - day!**

**In 1996 my sister and I took a cruise down the Dnieper River (in Ukraine) from Kiev to the Black Sea across the sea to Sevastopol and back across to Odessa. The trip included a land tour of Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, and Hungary.**

**A bus driver and guide from Romania picked us up in Odessa at 9:00 AM; we were headed for Moldova. The driver and guide were not familiar with Odessa; they had to hail a taxi to get us out of town. We arrived at the Ukraine border at 11:15 AM. My sister, who had a camera, had to deboard the bus and answer questions, as did several other passengers. We crossed into Moldova at 2:30 PM and were immediately at another check point where we sat until 4:30 PM.**

**We were supposed to have had lunch in Kishinev, Moldova. We were thankful that many of us had snacks to share, and we had a bathroom on the bus.**

**Moldova is an independent state, which emerged after the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991. We started through Transnistria, a break-away country from Moldova, the last bastion of the Soviet Union. As we worked our way toward Kishinev, we were stopped three times by Russians (or Soviets) with guns. One time they requested our passports, but our tour director refused to release them. They re-directed us at 6:00 PM, when we were only an hour from Kishinev. We arrived at our hotel in Kishinev at 9:35 PM. Our guide had called ahead, and the hotel had dinner ready for us.**

**It took us 12-1/2 hours to make a 3-hour trip. What a day! — Ellen Thomason**

**My memory goes back to a time before most of you were born. It must have been around 1930 or a year or two thereafter. My maternal grandparents lived in Florida and we lived in South Carolina so a trip to visit them was an interesting journey for our family of seven in our Model A Ford. We traveled the main highway and there were two places on the route - I think it must have been in Georgia - where we were literally driving through someone's pasture and Daddy would stop and Mother would jump out and go open a gate in the fence that crossed the highway. Daddy would drive through and stop for Mother to close the gate jump back in and we were on our way until we came to another fence across the highway. We have come a long way with our Interstates.**

**— Pat Baumann**

## My First Train Ride – The year was 1944

WWII began in 1939, the year I was born. After our “daddy” was drafted into the Army in 1943, my little sister Dawn and I and our mother went to live with our paternal grandparents in Reading, PA. Daddy was stationed at Camp Blanding, near Gainesville, FL. I can remember how sad mommy was that our family was separated. Then I learned that Dawn, mommy, and I were going to move to Florida to be close to daddy. I can remember how excited I was. It was the summer of 1944. Dawn was 3 and a half and I was 5, and we were going to Gainesville, FL, by train. What an adventure!

I have only very vague memories of that trip. I recall that Grandma and Grandpa Lutz took us to the train station which was close to where we lived. In those days, Grandpa worked for the Reading Railroad, and he went to work every day wearing a suit. In fact, I don't remember my Grandpa ever wearing casual clothing. But then I don't remember my Grandma without a bibbed apron. Sadly, she passed away a year later while we were living in FL.

The trip took more than a day so I know that we had to sleep on the train. The only thing I remember about the food was that we ate sandwiches that mommy had to buy and that the milk was in unfamiliar containers. If I had to guess, the sandwiches were ham and cheese because I remember the cheese. And then we were met by daddy with lots of smiles and big hugs. And so the adventures of living in Florida began. But those are the seeds of many other stories.

-Sandra Coleman

The first trip I remember was a train ride from Winston-Salem, NC to Gulfport, MS. It was 1944. My Dad was in the Navy and stationed in Gulfport. We joined him and lived in Pass Christian, MS for about a year and a half.

There are several things I remember about the train trip. One was the Pullman dining car. I had never seen anything like it. I was four years old and had never seen white tablecloths and all that silver and crystal!

I remember being jealous of my older brother Jim because he got to sleep in the upper berth all by himself and I had to sleep with Mom. She was a very light sleeper and kept telling me to stop wiggling! At one point she told me to stop breathing!! I don't think she meant it!

The most vivid memory of the trip was my fear of being thrown off the train! I was a very hyper child, always wandering off and getting into trouble. I think in order to keep me close my Mom told me that I got on the train for free because I was under 4 years old. I was terrified every time the conductor came by—afraid he would ask my age and, of course, I had always been taught not to lie! It worked, 'cause I stayed close to Mom the whole way and stayed on the train.

-Nancy Davis



# ASK US ANYTHING!

The King's Grant marketing team is ALWAYS here to answer any questions or concerns you may have. We would like to assure you that we will always listen to the voice of our residents and respond accordingly.

There are many ways to contact us. Choose the way that is most convenient for you.

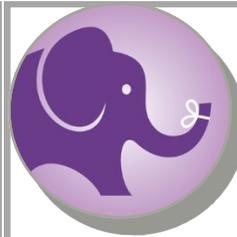


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**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Francks' Place and ALL campus wide activities and trips have been cancelled until further notice.**



**Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting**

**Meetings are cancelled until further notice!**

## **Services available on King's Grant Campus**

### **Dry Cleaning– Times vary**

McCormick–Pick up/drop offs on Fridays **only** until further notice.

Seamstress– Suspended until further notice

### **Banks– Locations subject to change**

No banks on campus until further notice.

**Safety Deposit boxes available on campus**

**Notary publics available on site by appointment**

**CPR & First Aid classes**– Suspended until further notice.

**Transportation**– For appointment or shopping request, contact Pam Pruitt or Ron Dailey at ext. 1129

### **Electronic Fund Transfer–**

Auto draft from checking/savings account available. Contact Valerie Kyle at ext. 1132

**Beauty/ Barber shop**– For appointment, contact Jackie Thurman at ext. 1488– **COVID-19 restrictions will apply.**

**Masseuse**– Closed until further notice.

**Nail Technician**– Manicure's and Pedicure's. For appointment contact Kelly Flint at 276-806-5722– **COVID-19 restrictions will apply.**

**For Clinic Hours and services call ext. 1481**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

LIVE ON CHANNEL 971 FROM VICTORY CHAPEL

SECOND CHANCE DUO

AUGUST 7, 2020 | 2:30-3:30PM

STEVE CANE PLAYING STEEL DRUM AND GUITAR

AUGUST 13, 2020 | 2:30-4:00PM

ROBBIE AND BETTY VANCE

AUGUST 21, 2020 | 2:30PM-3:30PM

## ATTENTION VILLAGE RESIDENTS

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are not allowing anyone in the main building unless you are a building resident/employee. If you have anything that needs to be given to the receptionist, please leave it in the drawer of the designated table outside the 350 entrance or you can give it to the staff when they deliver your mail.

Any out going mail may be put in the blue USPS mail box.

Any questions please contact the Front Desk at #1000

Stay tuned into channel 970 for

## COVID-19 Campus Updates

YOU ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO LISTEN TO THE RESIDENT AND FAMILY MEMBER TELEPHONE HOTLINE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON ADDITIONAL STATUS CHANGES AS THEY OCCUR. THE TELEPHONE HOTLINE CAN BE REACHED BY CALLING 634-1560.

With the community quarantine still in place, we encourage everyone to:

Stay home and #StopTheSpread.

To contribute to the Town Crier please submit information by the 15th of each month to:

Stevie Anderson, Executive Assistant  
[sanderson@kingsgrant.cc](mailto:sanderson@kingsgrant.cc)



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