

# The Order of the Hornet

Know All Persons by These Presents  
that

*Dr. John T. Crawford*

is hereby inducted into the Order of the Hornet of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

The Order of the Hornet was founded in the spirit of the early Mecklenburg patriots who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775, and proclaimed the County's freedom from Britain more than a year before the U.S. Declaration of Independence was signed.

Those early patriots valiantly fought for their independence during the Revolution and gave Lord Cornwallis such difficulties during his occupation of Charlotte that he termed the town a "hornet's nest" of rebellion.

Because the above-named reflects the honor, independence and fierce American patriotism that so stung Lord Cornwallis, this person is chosen for membership in the Order of the Hornet.

In testimony thereof we hereby confer the rights and privileges pertaining thereto and affix the seal of Mecklenburg County on this 20th day of February in the year of 2024.



*George Dunlap*

Chairman,  
Mecklenburg Board of  
County Commissioners