



On The Level At Old Town Lodge

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February 2023

Stated Meeting Present were 30 masons: including 1- charter member, 1 60-year mason, 2- 50 year masons, 11 -25-year masons, 14 -past masters, 9 - veterans/1st responders, 4 visitors and 9 endowed members.

OTL met with the **OES** in February. And in March **OES** will meet with OTL to discuss issues of shared importance to both organizations

By-laws change

Grand Lodge approval has not been received for the by-laws change.

When approved the changes will be:

1 Move the starting time for stated meetings to 7:00 pm.
(Takes effect upon receipt of Grand Lodge approval.)

2 Increase the initiation fees to \$150 (takes effect 2024)

3 Increase the annual dues fee to \$180 (\$154 + per capita, takes effect 2024)

SS Brian Dirscherl gave an informative explanation to the lodge assembled on **“the significance of the twenty four inch gauge.”**

Bro Harry Sapp was raised to glory February 12, 2023

March Birthdays

Sick and bereaved

Mrs. Bill Moon
Jimmy Fearington.
Mrs. James Leslie
Cary Mock
Tom Shore
Ray Pope
Andrew Salmon (mom)
Billy Walters
Jim Absher (Dad)
Brian Dirscherl (family concerns)
Richard Huff

Joseph L. Hall	4
A. "Tony" R. Morgan	8
"Mike" R. Grubbs	9
K. "Chad" Leinbach	13
Jerry G. Taylor	17
Bobby L. Adams	19
James A. McCoy	21
D. "Ray" Pope	23
Paul D. Tutherow Jr	25
Billy W. Sparks, Jr.	25
Scott L. Andrews	28
Paul E. Hauser	31

Firewood—The Lodge has firewood available that we request a donation to the lodge for. Please contact WM Tyler Leinbach for more information.

Since our last issue the **Lodge Room Carpet** Has been replaced and looks **great!**

Maintenance for the **parking lot** is now under consideration. Estimates are being received. This will be a considerable expense. WB Todd Leinbach, and WB Ron Dellinger are contacts for this project.

OTL welcomed 3 Grand Lodge Visitors to the February stated: **WB Bob Blair, DDGM, WB Jeff Bullington DDGL,** and **WB Richard Klein** who is a retired filmmaker and national fundraiser who has been deeply committed to Freemasonry since 1970 when he directed and wrote the script for a film about NHCO,

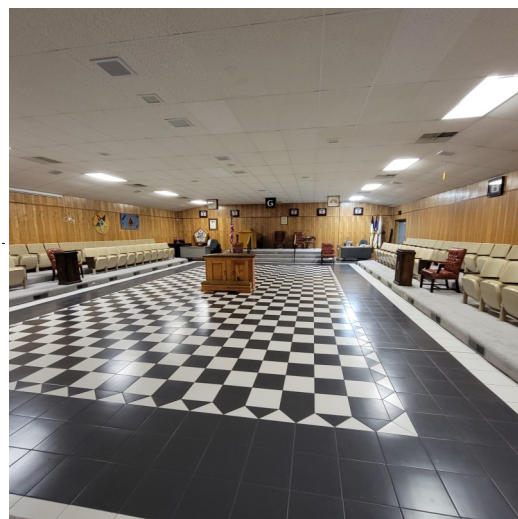
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Considerable effort is being made in pursuit of the **Lion and Pillar Award.** SW Chad Leinbach reported the progress and the work remaining. We are in the running!

JW Andrew Leinbach presented the **audit report for 2022** and the **budget for 2023.** Summarizing his presentation : All totals balanced and all checkpoints were met. The concern though is that the lodge spent more than it took in and the budget includes the same for 2023.

There is no crisis looming, as we have a nice little rainy day fund. But, as Bro Andrew pointed out, if this trend is not turned, we will be reducing the rainy day fund now and its emergency usefulness could be wiped out by dribbling it away to meet current non urgent desires. *And no provision was mentioned for inflation. ed*

Showing the new carpet.



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WB Richard Klein spoke on programs.
That is: **programs** for lodge instruction and reflection . Some of his suggestions are listed below:

- Movies that include masonic themes
- Music with a masonic connection
- Impersonations (e.g. King Solomon)
- Past Masters Night
- Past Grand Masters Night
- Demolay
- Shrine purpose and works.
- Short Talks (Available Free)
- Veterans
- History (3 phases) Pre temple, Post temple
- Post Grand lodge of England.
- etc

WB Jeff Bullinton DDGL Spoke on proficiency. Some of his points :

Know the work (Practice, practice, practice)

Give new masons opportunity to:

Learn by listening, watching

Learn from B Manual

OSW including the red work

Put the new masons into action

Proficiency in the work retains members



WB Bob Blair DDGM (Grand Master's points)

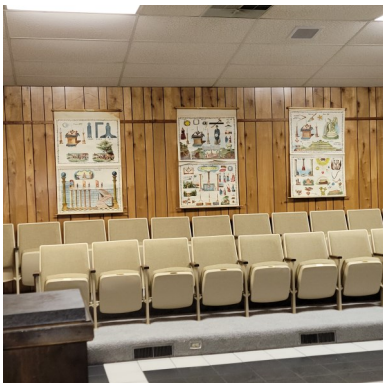
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Member retention and reactivating

Community service

Welcome packet for new masons.

Attending other lodges



This Month at OTL & OES



To be one...ask one.....

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- OTL Stated Meeting Mar 21 @ 7:00 pm Dinner (Cube Steak) @ 6:00 PM*
- OTL Stated Meeting Apr 18 @ 7:00 pm Dinner (Pork Roast) @ 6:00 PM*
- OTL Stated Meeting May 16 @ 7:00 pm Dinner (Tacos) @ 6:00 PM*

*Times are assuming NC GL approves time changes by then

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