

# On The Level At Old Town Lodge

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#### August 2022

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#### Grand Secretary Jonathan A. Underwood

At the **Stated Meeting this month** in attendance were: 27 Masons, including: 1-60 year masons; 9-25 year masons 8-Past Masters; 7- US Veterans; 0-visitor. 2 applicants for affiliation elected.

#### Round the farm Maintenance.

The tree work is "caught up" for now. It was attacked Saturday 8/20/22 and OTL lumberjacks won the battle. The new flag is up. The thermostat is re-batteried and working. Restroom refurbishing is under study.

Grand Lodge **annual communication** is coming to WS 9/20/22. Any Master Mason can attend most sessions. Delegates (principally lodge wardens and masters, and Grand Lodge officials) Can vote. A good experience. WS masons won't get a better chance to experience a Grand lodge Communication.

**Questions about Bikes** For the BFB programs were settled at the August stated. Bro Danny Wingo offered 5 bikes at a very good price. Others will come from Walmart.

WM Leinbach reported that he and several officers had attended the **middle chamber** sessions. He briefly explained the program and spoke very highly of it. From him and others we hear that they are startled by some of the connections between different masonic symbols and teachings.

Two unaffiliated masons, Bros Jimmy Long (a charter member of OTL) and Roy Long (a former member of OTL) were elected to affiliate with OTL.

Sick and bereaved Paul Manual September Birthdays Marvin Hanks Bill Moon (wife ill) Tim Disher Scott T. Horn 5 Jimmy Fearington. "Dick" Mock 8 Don Collins \* Dale L. Hughes 15 Clayton D. Davis 16 \* Thankfully. Able to attend Moir R. Hunter 27

Please help by notifying us of any needing to be listed here Brethren, for the past few weeks the Grand Lodge Office has been aware of several email scams using the email and name of the Grand Master and the Masters and/or Wardens of our lodges requesting financial assistance, particularly through pre-paid gift cards. The emails are often "ghosted," meaning they appear as a known name, though when you click on them for an email address it is a false or generic name and/or address.

These emails are growing more sophisticated and have begun to obtain and use the names of the officers heretofore mentioned and often directly addressed to you by name.

Never purchase gift cards or provide any other personal financial information or lodge financial information via email. If requests for charity are made, call and speak to the officers of your lodge to confirm all such actions. Be vigilant and be in contact with your brethren.

Inasmuch, we have received confirmation that phone calls are now being made to our members by people claiming to be representatives of the Masonic fraternity.

Neither the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, nor the North Carolina Masonic Foundation engage in this kind of solicitation. Remember, the officers of our institution will always clearly identify themselves and the purpose of their communication and you would probably know them by name. No officer of this institution, nor of its affiliated charitable entities would ever ask for financial information by phone.

These scam callers are preying on our older members. Please be vigilant.

And, this data was not obtained through a data breach in our database system. The Grand Lodge takes great pains to ensure the safety of its members' personal information held in trust, and will continue to do so, and at greater lengths in the future as we combat this kind of fraud.

A First responder / Veterans appreciation day Is on for September 17. You should have received a flyer with the details in this communication.

## **Food for Masonic thought**

"All men are capable of reason. That is the fundamental principle of democracy. Because everybody's mind is capable of true knowledge, you don't have to have a special authority, or a special revelation telling you that this is the way things should be."

## **OLD TOWN CHAPTER NO. 355**

## August 2022

The Chapter is looking forward to several upcoming events. The first event will be Camp Gray's "Under the Big Top Craft Fair" to be held on September 16- 18, 2022. If you have crafts you would like for someone to take to the craft fair, please contact Ann Blankenship, Secretary, 336-924-9002 for arrangements to get them to the camp and the cost information for the meals.

Plans are being made for the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron accompanied by the Worthy Grand Patron on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 7:00 pm. We will also be honoring our General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Gwen Oakley and our Grand Conductress, Amy-Jo Fischer at this meeting. A dinner will be held at 5:30 pm before the meeting. Prepaid reservations for \$15.00 may be sent to Sue Frye, PO Box 111, Terrell, NC 28682 by September 18, 2022.

Third event will be the Official Inspections of the District Deputies on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The chapter is very honored to have both deputies as members of Old Town Chapter. We are looking forward to their homecoming on this night.

The Chapter will be having a practice on Thursday, September 1 at 7:00 pm. Officers, please make plans to attended.

See you at chapter!!!

Sue Frye, Worthy Matron

Don Andersen, Worthy Patron









## Winston Salem Assembly #37 IORG

## **August 2022**

August was a phenomenal month for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in that our Biannual Supreme Assembly was held in Oklahoma City where NC was well represented with 43 attendees!!!! Three from WS were there: Stephanie Vargas, Junior Grand Worthy Advisor, Riley Frazer, WS's Chaplain who served in the 90 member Supreme Choir and as a member of NC's Drill Team in competition, and I as Mother Advisor plus a member of Mrs Kay Letterman's Installation team.

Our Ladies did an exceptional job in competition and were awarded 3rd place in the world competing against over 20 other teams. One member of our team competed individually as well and was awarded 2nd place in her category!!!!! We are very proud of NC!!!

And, at the end of the Supreme Session, our very own Mrs Kay Letterman was installed as the new Supreme Worthy Advisor serving for the next two years!!!!

Many of our delegation toured our Supreme Temple in McAlester, OK and got pictures with Mrs Kay in her brand new office at the temple. Our Rainbow is 100 years old this year.

The picture of the ladies in aqua is the Installation Team. All but 2 of us were Past Grand Worthy Advisors in NC.

There was a total of 8 PGWAs in NC attending! Winston Salem and NC as a whole has MUCH of which to be proud!!!!

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Judy Sigmon, MA





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Regular practice on Tuesdays 6:00, if no meeting is scheduled; special practice on Sunday before degrees. Contact WM Todd Leinbach for details @ 336-416-9614 or tl5871@bellsouth

First Responsers and Vets appreciation Dinner Sept 17

OTL Stated Meeting Sept 20 @ 7:30pm Dinner @ 6:30 PM OTL Stated Meeting Oct 18 @ 7:30pm Dinner @ 6:30 PM

OTL Stated Meeting Nov 15 @ 7:30pm Dinner @ 6:30 PM

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