



On The Level At Old Town Lodge

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Stated Meeting Present were 27 masons: including 1 60-year mason, 1 50 year mason, 1 charter member, 7-25-year masons, 13-past masters, 8 - veteran/1st responders, and 12 endowed members

Bro **Chad Leinbach**, SW reports that OTL will be one of 10% of NC lodges receiving the **Lion and Pillar Platinum** award this year

Brother **George Marut** of the NC Masonic Foundation joined us for the August stated meeting and explained the masonic foundation. In short, the foundation can handle the mechanics of giving gifts to Masonic charities and charity projects, while maintaining legitimacy with the world and the IRS. So, masons, non masons and lodges desiring to donate to a Masonic charity can give through the masonic foundation and be sure all the rules and procedures are followed. Gifts can be designated or not (i.e. MHCO). And can be cash or other valuable assets, such as property, IRA QCDs, Stocks, Bonds etc. Just about anything of value can be donated.

So you need not worry over gifting masonry. If it has value the foundation can handle it. Check it at the link bellow

<https://mfnc.org/how-to-give/giving-options>

Or see lodge contacts on page 4.

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Plans are that Bikes for Books will continue but some changes will likely be made.

Our in-house engineers are still adjusting on the **Blue-Tooth P A system**. Hope to "get it right" soon.

Sick and bereaved

Tom Hauser, Sr
Mrs. Bill Moon
Jimmy Fearington.
Tom Shore
Billy Walters
Richard Huff
Glenn Romesberg (wife)
William Sheets (wife)
James Abshir (dad)

October B_Days

George Salmons	4
Billy Walters	7
"Ron" Dellinger	7
Wayne Pfaff Jr	13
Larry Fulp Jr	13
William Sheets	20
Terry Bralley	21

Brother **Chad Leinbach** SW opened the floor for **comments on our "rituals"**. The first input he received from the floor was on the mention of purple in the EA degree. This purple is of course a very special purple and was/is made from certain mollusks. And highly prized by the ancients. Bible students might remember *Lydia, a seller of purple*. (Acts 6:14). To us it signifies the higher honors of masonry.

The next input from the floor concerned the mention of *3 great lights, and the representative of 3 lesser*. Here again highest honors signified by *lights* and *threes*.

OTL is planning a Veterans and First responders Appreciation Pancake Dinner

It is a way to recognize and thank those who are serving or have served in the past.

Special guests, included at no cost, will be military and first responder veterans, active duty or reserves **and their families**.

Time: Saturday September 16 2023 (first Saturday following 9/11) @ 5 pm

Location: Old Town Lodge 5112N Causeway drive, Winston Salem NC

Other guests are welcome for a free will donation.

Banners will soon be flying.

OTL will host a **blood drive** in early November. Brother Mathew Winfrey leads that effort and will soon announce the details.

Brother Todd Leinbach pm led a brief post mortem on our recent **Community Day**. His plans are to change to an **open house** format and do a real "sprucing up" to precede the day. Also to build up the menu a little. (ed note don't drop the ice cream bro.)

Gun Raffle Ticket sales will begin September 23. Prizes are being finalized now.

NC Masonic Foundation What and why

The outline below is taken from <https://mfnc.org/how-to-give/giving-options> **Much** more detail is given there.

First things first ... Giving through NCMF means you are supporting:

- The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford
- WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star Community in Greensboro
- And/or the North Carolina Masonic Foundation itself, which uses those funds to support our other charities and projects.

Gifts can be

Outright Gifts

- **Cash, Checks and Credit Cards.** *Specify any restrictions (including which charity you wish to support) on the memo line or in an attached note.*
- **Memorial or Tribute Gifts.**
- **Gifts of Securities: Stocks, Bonds & Mutual Funds.**

Corporate Matching Gifts

Charitable Distributions from an IRA

Deferred or Planned Gifts

- **Bequests by Will or a "Living" Trust. Life Income Gifts.**
- **Charitable Lead Trusts.**
- **Gifts of Life Insurance.**

And Tax Benefits Can Be Handled

Deductibility

The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, The Masonic Children's Home in Oxford, and WhiteStone in Greensboro are charitable institutions with the following tax ID numbers:

NCMF:56-6049500

Masonic Children's Home:56-0603924

WhiteStone:56-0529956

Gifts to our Masonic and Eastern Star charities are deductible at 100 percent of the value of the assets donated to the charity.





Visiting Brother George Marut & Bro Chad Leinbach SW



Bro Bryan Dirscherl JD and also on active military duty !



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

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- . Veterans and 1st-Reponders Sept 16 Appreciation Dinner @ 5:00 pm
- . OTL Stated Meeting Sept 19 @7:00 pm ;Dinner @ 6:00 pm (Chili)
- . OTL Stated Meeting Oct 17 @7:00 pm ;Dinner @ 6:00 pm (Chicken Stew)
- . OTL Stated Meeting Oct 21 @7:00 pm ;Dinner @ 6:00 pm (Thanksgiving Meal)

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