



On The Level At Old Town Lodge

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September 2023

Stated Meeting Present were 29 masons: including 1 visitor, 1 60-year mason, 1 50 year mason, 1 charter member, 11 25-year masons, 12 past masters, 11 veteran/1st responders, and 12 endowed members

WB Joey Transou is holding a “funeral ceremony” class on the fourth Mondays at Clemmons lodge. WM Leinbach urges our funeral committee to attend. The next will be September 25 6pm

The talk by Bro Johnny Surles has spured an interest in National Sojourners. The basic requirement for membership is to be a mason and a veteran. Bro Shawn Summerfield seems to be the focal point. Contact him if you are interested and qualified.

Plans are active to **seal the parking lot**. As soon as the sealant is here it will be done. If you can help contact **WB Todd Leinbach** .

OTL annual golf tournament will be held in May of 2024. **JW Andrew Leinbach** is leading that charge. He will need volunteers for all phases, playing-cleaning up.

Our in-house engineers are still adjusting on the **Bluetooth P A system**. Hope to “get it right” soon.

Our brothers **Richard Huff** and **Smoot Cranfield** passed to the Heavenly lodge above since we last met.

Nov. Birthdays

Sick and bereaved

Tom Hauser, Sr	Jim Absher	3
Mrs. Bill Moon	Jerry Sprinkle	10
Tom Shore	William Dawkins	12
Billy Walters	Shawn Summerfield	13
Glenn Romesberg (wife)	Bill Mock Jr.	16
William Sheets (wife)	Jack Edwards	16
James Abshir (dad)	Eddie Hilton	17
	Joe Whitt	23
	Doug McCraw	28
	Sid Lanier	28
	Thaddeus Warrick	29

Efforts are being made to partner ,or at least allow OTL to participate , in a *Wreaths Across America* observance in the Bethania God’s Acre.

(The original *Wreaths Across America* is the annual tradition of placing wreaths at each gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery.) Why not here?

OTL held a Veterans and First responders Appreciation Pancake Supper Saturday September 16 2023 (first Saturday following 9/11) @ 5 pm.

It was held as away to recognize and thank those, who are serving or have served in the past, in the Armed Services or as First Responders. It was a success, but there are more Vets around. More details are on page 2 and 3

OTL will host a **blood drive** in early November . Brother Mathew Winfrey leads that effort and will soon announce the details . But basically the details are: come to the lodge prepared in your mind to donate blood and let the nurses tell you what to do.

Gun Raffle Ticket sales will begin September 23. Prizes are being finalized now. News is some mighty fine prizes are in the pot.

The **Grand Lodge** of North Carolina will be meeting September 29th and 30th, with maybe some preliminaries on the 28th. All masons may attend but only official delegates may vote.

WM Leinbach is going to make an appeal to the OTL lodge membership for donations to be used to catch up on necessary expenses. Expect a note from him.

Pancake Supper Honoring our military veterans and first responders.

Bro. Shawn Summerfield was the coordinator of the event and the source of this information

Attendees:

2022 = 031

2023 = 049

36.5% increase

A HUGE and special thanks to the Kitchen Staff: (thrown in with some humor)
 Red Leslie (Creator, owner, operator of the pancake machinery ☺)
 Tom Hauser, Jr. (Head Chef)
 Dee Summerfield (Line Cook...who are we kidding???) She was the boss of the show! LOL)
 Clay Tatum (Pancake Extraordinaire)
 James Dunn (Hospitality)
 Chad Leinbach (Hospitality)



Food / Kitchen Costs (rounded)
 \$245.00 Purchase of food items, solely by Tom Hauser, Jr.
 \$228.00 Donations
 \$017.00 Kitchen Fund Loss

Showing the scope of the event, Here's the supply list

Money from sales, ticket stubs (filled in), & unsold tickets returned to Lodge or: PO Box 14, Bethania, NC 27010 by November 21st 2023.

1. Browning Sweet 16 Shotgun
2. Ammo .223 500 Rounds
3. Winchester 20 Gauge Shotgun
4. Ammo 9mm 500 Rounds
5. Glock 43 9mm
6. Smith & Wesson Shield 9mm
7. Winchester 12 Gauge Shotgun
8. Ammo 9mm 500 Rounds
9. Glock 43 9mm
10. Winchester 270 Rifle
11. Smith & Wesson Shield 9mm
12. Ammo 9mm 500 Rounds
13. Winchester 12 Gauge Pump Shotgun
14. Ammo .223 500 Rounds
15. Rossi Circuit Judge Rifle
16. Smith & Wesson Full Frame 9mm
17. Glock 43 9mm
18. Ammo 9mm 500 Rounds
19. Winchester 20 Gauge Shotgun
20. Ammo .223 500 Rounds
21. Smith & Wesson Shield 9mm
22. Ammo .223 500 Rounds
23. Winchester 12 Gauge Shotgun
24. Smith & Wesson Full Frame 9mm
25. Ammo 9mm 500 Rounds
26. Glock 43 9mm
27. Winchester 12 Gauge Shotgun
28. Ammo .223 500 Rounds
29. Glock 43 9mm
30. Glock 42 .380

- Kitchen Food Items (Tom will need to keep me honest)
- 10 dozen eggs
 - 08 pounds of bacon
 - 10 pounds of pancake batter
 - 02 pounds of butter
 - 10 Pounds of Sausage
 - 10 Pounds of Strawberries
 - 02 Gallons of Milk
 - 02 Gallons of Orange Juice
 - 01 Gallon of Sweet Tea
 - 01 Liter of Lemonade

EACH TICKET HAS A CHANCE TO WIN ALL 30 PRIZES. WINNERS MUST MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE A GUN. WINNERS POSTED ON FACEBOOK & <https://751-nc.ourlodgepage.com> WEB SITE. CONTACT Danny Wingo WITH QUESTIONS @ dannywingo7@gmail.com (336) 403-2047.

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Old Town Masonic Lodge #751 A.F.&A.M.

12th ANNUAL Charity Fundraiser

GUNS & AMMO RAFFLE

DECEMBER 2023

RAFFLE INFO ON THE BACK!

Proceeds benefit Old Town Lodge #751 Charity Account
Meet each 3rd Tuesday at 5112 N Causeway Dr. Winston Salem NC 27106 @ 7:00 P.M.

\$30

- 4 for \$100
- 10 for \$200
- 30 for \$500
- 75 for \$1000

WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Winners Announced December 1st thru December 30th @ lodglocator.com/old-town-751

Veterans Appreciation Supper



Brother Johnny Surles read from a poem that captured the mood of the event. We believe it was from “*My Name Is Old Glory*” shown at right.



My Name is Old Glory

by Howard Schnauber

I am the flag of the United States of America.
My name is Old Glory.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over great institutes of learning.
I stand guard with the greatest military power in the world.
Look up! And see me!

I stand for peace - honor - truth and justice.
I stand for freedom
I am confident - I am arrogant
I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners
My head is a little higher
My colors a little truer.

I bow to no one.
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped - I am saluted - I am respected
I am revered - I am loved, and I am feared.

I have fought every battle of every war for more than 200 years:
Gettysburg, Shiloh, Appomattox, San Juan Hill, the trenches of France,
the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome, the beaches of Normandy,
the deserts of Africa, the cane fields of the Philippines,
the rice paddies and jungles of Guam, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Vietnam,
Guadalcanal New Britain, Peleliu, and many more islands.

And a score of places long forgotten by all but those who were with me.
I was there.
I led my soldiers - I followed them.
I watched over them.
They loved me.
I was on a small hill in Iwo Jima.
I was dirty, battle-worn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me,
and I was proud.

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of
countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt, for I am invincible.
I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my country,
and when it is by those with whom I have served in battle - it hurts.
But I shall overcome - for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stand watch over the
uncharted new frontiers of space
from my vantage point on the moon.
I have been a silent witness to all of America's finest hours.

But my finest hour comes when I am torn into strips to
be used for bandages for my wounded comrades on the field of battle,
When I fly at half mast to honor my soldiers,
And when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving
mother at the graveside of her fallen son.

I am proud.

My name is Old Glory.

Dear God - Long may I wave.

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

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- **Grand Lodge September 28th-30th**
- **OTL Stated Meeting OCT 17 @ 7:00pm ;Dinner @ 6:00 PM (Chicken Stew)**
- **OTL Blood Drive (More info coming soon)**
- **OTL Stated Meeting Nov. 21 @ 7:00pm ;Dinner @ 6:00 PM (Thanksgiving Meal)**

12th Annual Raffle starting September and November 21st 2023

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