



# On The Level At Old Town Lodge

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**Stated Meeting** Present were 24 masons: including 1 60-year mason, 1 50 year mason 7 -25-year masons, 10 -past masters, 9- veterans/1st responders and 9 endowed members

Brother Eddie Albert was presented a 50 year service award by WM Tyler Leinbach with the official ceremony. Bro Albert then shared his masonic journey with the assembled brothers.

Our pending by-laws changes are now approved and in force. Briefly, OTL stated meetings will begin at 7:pm, Initiation fees will be \$150 plus background-check fee, and beginning 1/1/24 annual dues will be \$154 plus the Grand Lodge per capita.

WM Tyler Leinbach will present scholarships for institutions of higher learning to two grads at the Regan High awards day ceremony May 19.

Bikes for Books will soon be presented to two winners at each of 5 elementary schools. Two schools have confirmed for June 8th.

A visit to the Veterans Hospital at Salisbury is planned for June 17th . It will be led by Bro Brian Dirscherl and WM Tyler Leinbach.

The annual **Golf Tournament** with 10 OTL members assisting / playing was a success May 13, and raised \$2500 for charity.

**The District 26 Car Show.** The initial show is to be held at Clemmons May 29 and next year at Old Town, and then rotating through the 26th district lodges. This has the prospect of a good fund raising opportunity for our charities. Of course, they come with needs —cars and volunteers for instance.

### **Sick and bereaved**

Mrs. Bill Moon  
Jimmy Farrington.

	June Birthdays	
Cary Mock		
Tom Shore	"Don" R. Andersen	7
Ray Pope	Wayne D. Smitherman	8
Billy Walters	Harry L. Sapp	16
Richard Huff	T. "Tim" L. Disher	16
Glenn Romesberg (wife)	Michael W. Masencup	22
William Sheets (wife)	Waller K. Howard	24
Alvin Cheek (wife)		

### **New Master Masons**



Fellowcraft brother **James Dunn** (r) was raised to the sublime degree April 25 and Fellowcraft brother **Andrew Hindes** (l) Followed May 2.

*WM Tyler Leinbach sent this to those who have email access. But, for those who do not I am copying it here*

Good evening Brethren, I'm glad to inform you that Old Town Lodge #751 is preparing to receive an award for all that we do. There are 5 categories with about 25 requirements total, including education, membership, affiliated organizations, philanthropy and patriotism. Last year only 5% of lodges across the state received the award and no one from our district did. This is a huge deal!!! Congratulations to everyone. We will be recognized at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

However, there are two final requirements we must satisfy: *These require access to a computer. Go to page 3 for details.*

*I think there might be a way around that. You could watch the videos on a friend's computer and comment there. Maybe do the other requirements there too.*

**Memorial Day** approaches. This day is to remember those who gave all that we might be free. Freedom has never been free it is purchased with blood.

## Bikes For Books ?

*For newer members and friends, and for those of us who may have forgotten , we enclose the explanation of our Bikes For Books program. There have been few changes since this was originally written we think but this a view from the past.*

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### Old Town Lodge Bikes For Books Program

Old Town Lodge 751 in Winston-Salem is the proud sponsor of a project to encourage reading improvement in the public schools. OTL believes that the ability to read opens the door to most of what is important in life. As Will Rogers said "A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people." — *Will Rogers, American humorist and Freemason.*

The project began when, at the September stated meeting in 2008 then SW Terry Wooten (*now past master*), inspired by an article in the Scottish Rite Magazine, proposed that OTL institute a program to encourage reading proficiency in our local schools. The program, as he foresaw it, would involve awarding bicycles to students in the public schools for improvement in reading skills. Many details were to be worked out and the approval and cooperation of the school officials had to be obtained. The lodge agreed, and the fact-finding phase of the project began. At the October meeting he was able to report progress and at the November meeting he reported that principals of four nearby schools were on board with the Idea. The lodge passed a motion to move on with the project and several members immediately subscribed moneys to get it started.

Since that beginning bikes have been awarded each spring to the boy and girl of the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade who have made the most progress in reading skills. The winners are determined by the teachers. Brother Wooten did not want to get into that side of the project.

In the beginning the bikes were purchased and displayed in each school's library near the time of the awards. Signs and other publicity were used early in the year to generate interest on the part of the students.

From the outset the teachers reported an improvement in reading skills and interest. This year a slight change in procedure has been made at the suggestion of some of the teachers. The actual bikes to be awarded are put on display in the school libraries near the beginning of the school year. The bikes generate even more enthusiasm than mere signs alone.

Through 2013 forty-one bikes have been awarded. Forty-one because one year presented an outright tie and an "extra" bike was awarded. And today, eight are on display at the schools awaiting the 2014 presentation.

This year there has been a more general interest from other lodges in the project. DDGM Gary Handy has helped to spread the word, and Brother Wooten has visited several lodges in the 26<sup>th</sup> district to promote the idea and serve as a consultant. Brother Wooten is confident that some of these will begin their own Bikes for Books projects soon.

### How Many Bikes ?

Unfortunately We do not have the count immediately at hand, but with 41 bikes presented through 2013 plus 5 schools times 2 bikes per schools times 10 years we count for an unaudited number 141 bikes presented.

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### Schools Participating

Old Town Elementary  
Old Richmond Elementary  
Julian Gibson Elementary  
Vienna Elementary  
Jefferson Elementary

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# From the archives



## Lion and Pillar requirements Continued from pg 1

- 1.) Watch the three Facebook videos below, like the post, and comment your name and your lodge. For example, I would comment "Tyler Leinbach, Old Town Lodge #751"
- 2.) We also need at least 5% of our lodge to sign up for a recurring gift to MHCO (Oxford) or MESH (Whitestone). I personally will be signing up for a monthly gift of \$1 with my credit card (and get some points back).



MHCO (Oxford): <https://my.simplegive.com/app/giving/mhco>

MESH (Whitestone): <https://www.liveatwhitestone.org/donate/>

Video #1

<https://fb.watch/kCooVdOB--/>

Video #2

<https://fb.watch/kCo5n1GlCy/>

Video #3

Is a blue image that says "Zoom"

Scroll down the Lion and Pillar page until you find it

It was posted on May 2nd

<https://www.facebook.com/nclodgeofexcellence>



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

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- . **May 29** District 26 Car Show
- . **June 17** Veterans Hospital Visit
- . **June 20** OTL Stated Meeting @ 7:00pm—Dinner @ 6:00 PM (Chicken Alfredo/Zitti)
- . **July 18** OTL Stated Meeting @ 7:00pm—Dinner @ 6:00 PM (Hotdogs/burgers)

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