



On The Level At Old Town Lodge

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October 2023

Stated Meeting Present were 30 masons: including 3 visitors, 1 60-year mason, 9 25-year masons, 12 past masters, 7 veteran/1st responders, and 10 endowed members. 1 petition to affiliate.

WB Joey Transou joined us for the October stated meeting and demonstrated the basics of a masonic “**funeral ceremony**”. He continues to hold classes on the subject at Clemmons lodge, monthly on 4th Monday evenings.

Bro Transou reports that the funeral ceremony is being revised, edited and consolidated. Heretofore, the ceremony has been found in several sources. These efforts should result in a single source for reference.

Bro Transou’s model is obviously flexible to meet the condition of the individual funeral. Taking into account the location, the number of masons available, the weather, and other organizations involved. His outline for the actual ceremony is

- (1)Poem (2) Apron and Acacia (3)Committal

And officers around the coffin as available.

Bro Transou also stresses the need for all masons to have on file with their lodge, and their families, their wishes concerning masonic rites at their death; even if they don't want masonic rites at their funeral.

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

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 through cleaning up.

Some related, news picked up at Grand lodge, is that Golf Tournaments are the most profitable fund raisers. Could that affect our thinking?

The **sealing of the parking lot** project has hit a snag due to the difficulty getting the sealer. Taking the probable weather into account, it looks like the best bet is to do a little emergency repair now and schedule the general sealing for next spring. PM Todd Leinbach leads that project.

OTL will host a **blood drive** November 11th 9am –2 pm . Brother Mathew Winfrey leads that effort. Basically the details are: come to the lodge prepared in your mind to donate blood and let the nurses tell you what to do. This is not limited to lodge members. Bring your relatives friends and neighbors.

There is some expectation that gift cards will be given to donors.

EA brother Brantley Cummins demonstrated his proficiency in the EA catechism at the October stated meeting. His next step is set for 7 pm October 24th at at OTL

DEC B Days	
NAME	day
Jimmy W. Long	1
"Doug" A. Bristow	4
"Thomas" L. Douglas	5
Joseph W. Joyce Jr	8
Douglas W. Eudy	11
James S. Minton	13
Norman C. Noah, Jr.,	17
Donald G. Knight	17
Charles "Chuck" Binck	17
Ronald E. Uren	18
Raymond E. Tomlinson	27
James S. Cranfill	27
Frank R. Ashburn	30
Thomas R. Shore	31

Sick and bereaved

- Mrs. Bill Moon
- Tom Shore
- Billy Walters
- Mrs. Glenn Romesberg
- Mrs William Sheets
- James Abshir (dad)
- Glenn Oaks (& Mrs)
- Mike Grubbs (Mother passed)

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

12th ANNUAL Charity Fundraiser

GUNS & AMMO RAFFLE

DECEMBER 2023

RAFFLE INFO ON THE BACK!

\$30

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

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.

WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

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

Gun Raffle Ticket sales have begun. First receipts look good. Contact WB Ron Dellinger if you need Tickets
 rd3787@yahoo.com (336) 699-3787 (336) 817-8142

Joey Transou



Brantley Cummings



From the archives



Is There a Connection Between Masonry and our Thanksgiving Holiday

The Masonic Connection

In 1621, the settlers from the Mayflower created a tradition that would last for centuries to come. This celebration was to thank God for the harvest and his many blessings. Members of the Wampanoag tribe in Plymouth, Massachusetts were also invited to the feast. This feast is what we now call Thanksgiving where we are pushed to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for.

On September 25th, 1789 Congressman and Brother Elias Boudinot of Burlington, New Jersey appeared in front of the House of Representatives with a proposition. Brother Boudinot asked that the government create a committee to persuade the President and Freemason, George Washington, to declare a national day of thanks and prayer. Without his Masonic values, Brother Boudinot may have never been inclined to rally for this national day of thanks.

In 1789, President George Washington delivered the Proclamation of 1789 that assigned November 26th as the National Holiday of Thanksgiving. This proclamation was also a symbol to our former monarchy that the colonies were a self-governing and legitimate state. Washington **remarked**, “both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

It goes without doubt that our national holiday of Thanksgiving would not have been established without the help of two Freemasons. Brother Elias Boudinot and President George Washington are two strong foundations of our Thanksgiving tradition. As Freemasons, we should take this time to practice gratitude for our fellow Brethren, lodges, and local communities.



*Happy Thanksgiving
from the Grand Lodge of
Ohio!*

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

Old Town Lodge

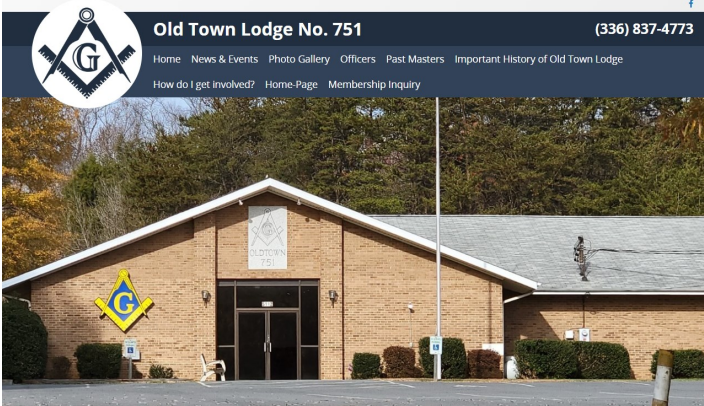
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OTL Stated Meeting NoV 21 @ 7:00pm ;Dinner @ 6:00 PM-Thanksgiving Meal
Last Call for Raffle Ticket Sales & Officer Voting
Happy Thanksgiving! Nov 23rd
2023 Raffle Winners Begin Dec 1st Through Dec 30th
OTL Stated Meeting Dec 19 @ 7:00pm ;Dinner @ 6:00 PM-Christmas Meal
Merry Christmas! Dec 25th

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