



On The Level At Old Town Lodge

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November 2023

The Election was held at the Nov. Stated and the 2024 Officer Elects Are

Master	Chad Leinbach
Senior Warden	Andrew Leinbach
Jr Warden	Shawn Summerfield
Secretary	Scott Horn
Treasurer	Scott Andrews
Trustee	Tyler Leinbach

Stated Meeting Present were 33 masons: including 5 visitors, 1 - honorary member, 1 60-year mason, 1-50 -year mason 11 25-year masons, 15 past masters, 5- veteran/1st responders, and 14 endowed members.

Honorary member **Ronnie Eads** was able to attend the November stated with us. He has served the as DDGM for more than one term. He was very close to our now departed bro B.A. Byrd.

Brother Alan Caporuscio was elected to dual membership at the November Stated meeting. As a dual member he retains his membership to his NY Lodge as well.

WB Joey Transou continues to hold classes on the subject of **conducting a Masonic funeral**. They are held at Clemmons lodge, monthly on 5th Monday evenings @ 6.

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.

Gun Raffle Ticket sales continue. Receipts look good. The drawing will begin 12/1 @ 7 pm. To be eligible to win prizes ticket stubs must be in by then .

Brothers **Fredrick H Cloninger Esq.** And **Tim Waters** , for Masonic education, presented a talk on **symbology**, beginning with the flag of the USA and continuing on through the third degree of masonry. See some of their presentation on page 2.

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 emergency repairs continues now and the general sealing will be scheduled for next spring. **PM Todd Leinbach** leads that project.

OTL hosted a **blood drive** November 11th **Brother Mathew Winfrey** leads that effort. Some **36 doners responded but 5 were rejected** for medical reasons. The short term goal was to beat last year's 29 donations. So, **the drive was termed a success and the focus is on next year.**

OTL will present widows baskets on 12/9 following the usual format.

EA brother **Brantley Cummins** demonstrated his proficiency in the EA degree at the October stated. His next step taken was October 24th at OTL. He was raised to the MM degree November 14.

There is an effort under way for OTL to be a part of **Wreaths Across America**. The purpose of WAA is to place wreaths on the graves of Veterans. This would involve partnering with churches with cemeteries. **Bro Chad Leinbach** leads that effort.

Sick and bereaved

Mrs. Bill Moon	January B-days	7
Tom Shore	Charles R. Young	9
Billy Walters	Jack T. York	12
Mrs. Glenn Romesberg	Glenn C. Oakes	14
Mrs William Sheets	W. "Alvin" Cheek	17
James Abshir (dad)	James M. Wilson	22
Glenn Oaks (& Mrs)	M. T. "Tom Sr" Hauser	22
Mike Grubbs (Mother and Daughter passed)	Samuel G. Dotson	25
Bill Mock	Tyler J. Leinbach	28
Carey Mock	William E. Moody	30
Paul Tetherow	Clarence W. Tatum	31
	Raymond E. Staley Jr	31

The flag is correctly folded in 13 folds. The significance of the folds can be expressed as follows:

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance. The

5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country", in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they are found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

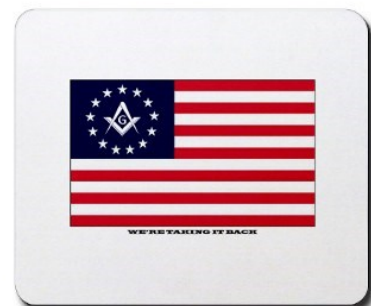
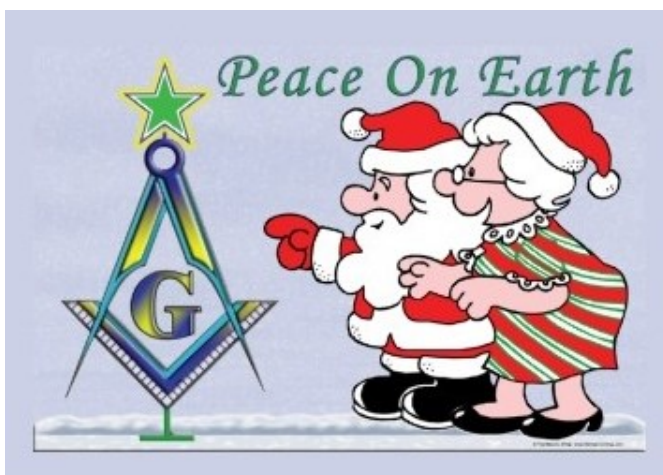
The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he too, has given his sons and daughters for defense of our country since they were first born.

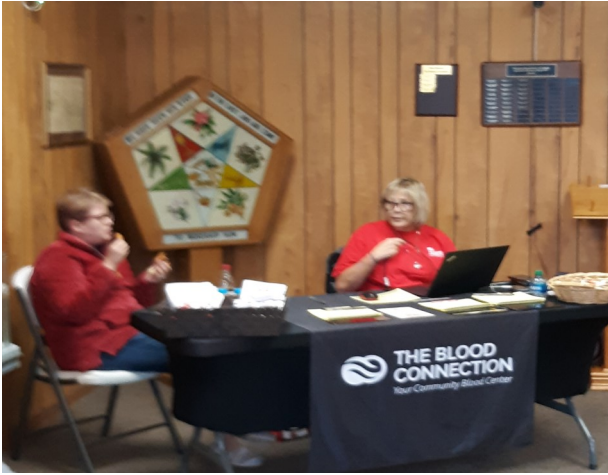
The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust"

In addition to **the flag symbology** our speakers also explained the symbology of the third degree and led us to personal reflection as to just how faithful we are to that symbology.





2024 officers

Cummings Degree



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Raffle Drawings begin Dec 1st

OTL Stated Meeting Dec 19 @ 7:00pm ;Dinner @ 6:00 PM

OTL Stated Meeting Jan 16 @ 7:00pm ;Dinner @ 6:00 PM

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