



On The Level At Old Town Lodge

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At the **July 2021 Stated Meeting** in attendance were: 24 Masons, including 1 - Charter member 1, -60 year mason 1, -50 year mason 8 - 25 year masons , 6 - Past Masters, 1 elected to receive the degrees.

Petitioner Jamie Kimbrell was elected to receive the degrees. His EA degree is scheduled for August 3.

Brothers John Summerfield and Clay Tatum were passed to the Fellowcraft Degree June 29. SW Todd Leinbach was in charge.



Tom's back

Here we have our able tiler **WB Tom Hauser Sr**, who has been absent for a while due to the pandemic, greeting visitor **WB Wes Walker**, PM of Clemmons Lodge.

The Holy Saints John

As all masons know, the Saints Johns are the Patron Saints of Freemasonry. We are familiar with the phrase: "Erected to God and dedicated to Holy Saints John", because we all pronounced it when we became Freemasons. In early Masonry, the feast day of St. John the Baptist was always celebrated by the Craft. In fact, the first public Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of England was born on St. John the Baptist's day, June 24, 1717 in London. Thereafter, the Grand Lodge of England sponsored great annual celebrations of this day for many years. Eventually the feast of St. John the Evangelist became important as well and many Lodges and Grand Lodges moved the beginning of their Masonic year from June 24 to December 27. Now, who are those "Saints John" that we mention in our Sacred Oath and celebrate every year? They are John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. John the Baptist was an itinerant preacher and a major religious figure mentioned in the Canonical Gospels. He is described in the Gospel of Luke as a relative of Jesus who led a movement of baptism at the Jordan River. Actually, he baptized Jesus himself. Christians commonly refer to John as the precursor of Jesus, since he announced Jesus's coming. Christian tradition says that John the Evangelist was one of Christ's original twelve apostles; Saint John alone remained near his beloved Master at the foot of the Cross with the Mother of Jesus, and took her into his care as the last legacy of Christ (John 19:25-27). He always stood with his Lord and Master by the title with which he was accustomed to indicate himself without giving his name: "the disciple whom Jesus loved". Both Saints John are special Saints: they share a name, John, and they represent, in some way, the beginning and the end of Jesus: John the Baptist was his old cousin, his master, and the man who announced and baptized Jesus. John the Evangelist was the youngest and most beloved of the apostles, the one who Jesus put in care of his mother. Beginning and end: not a coincidence that Saints John festivities are celebrated in summer and winter solstices.

Miguel Salas Díaz



The annual communication of the **Grand Lodge of North Carolina** is scheduled to take place on Friday, September 24 and Saturday, September 25 at the Embassy Suites on Cherry Street in Winston-Salem North Carolina.

WM JoAnn Morgan, widow of OTL member "Shorty" Morgan and past WM of OES multiple times will be remembered in a memorial service Jul 24th

Sick and bereaved

Giles McLelland
Paul Manual
Dick Mock

Please let us know about anyone needing to be listed here

Winston Salem Rainbow for Girls #37

The Winston Salem Rainbow for Girls #37 is busy, busy, busy!!!! Our one day Grand Assembly was held June 26th at the Masonic Center on Country Club Rd where more than 200 girls and adults came to celebrate being able to join together again in over a year! Both the 2019 and 2020 Grand Worthy Advisors shared the East in true Rainbow fashion since Gracie Findley did not get to have her Grand Assembly last year so Micki Reynolds was so gracious and both ladies did a phenomenal job conducting Grand Assembly this year.

At the end of a wonderful day, the 2021-2022 officers were Installed and our own Stephanie Vargas is the new Grand Worthy Advisor in NC. She is a Senior Nursing Student at Campbell University. Her Assembly was there to support her in beautiful fashion with our new Assembly dresses. We were only missing two of our active members. After the formal Installation, we performed a skit for Stephanie which included having several of our Majority Rainbow Girls helping. Susan Lawrence even wrote the skit which emphasized her love of astronomy. Emily Williard, PGWA, was the Alien conducting her, Kelly Wood Wentz was Galileo, and Kim Wood, PGWA was van Gough! Stephanie's term is "85th Grand Session of Sisterhood, Harmony & Laughter". Her theme is "Starry Night" with the motto "Shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you'll land among the stars." Her Aim is to have each Rainbow Girl feel and know she belongs! Her Scripture is "As iron sharpens iron so one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17.

We've already had the 1st Official Visit in Lenoir on Saturday July 11th. We had an absolute blast with our sisters there. The food was yummy and the activities were so much fun to make and pretty, too. Then, our WS Assembly voted to hold another Sleepover at the Masonic Center on Friday July 16th. where 9 Rainbow Girls, 1 prospect and 2 adults spent a night of squeals, movies, food, laughter and very little sleep!!!

Please send all young ladies .from 10-20 years of age to us! It's the right place to be with a great group of young ladies!



We welcome summertime to Old Town! We have certainly enjoyed being able to fellowship together. During July, we had two stated meetings, where we were able to finally catch up on a huge backlog of business. On July 5th, we had our Installation Out of Time for the officers who had not been installed last March, just before we closed. Thanks so much to Daisy Adams for serving as our Installing Marshal.

Our meeting on July 19th was much more relaxed. We had great fun with door prizes, donated by Sisters Darlla Tolley and Linda Wood. Twelve lucky members received either a loaf of the famous "Darlla Bread", or a bag of homegrown Wood Family vegetables.

The members of the chapter have been busy outside the Lodge. On July 22nd, many members served as officers in Kernersville for an Initiation. Sister Ann was great as the Worthy Matron, Protém, and Sisters Virginia Jones, Moyra Gunter, Linda Wood, and Darlla Tolley were Star Points. Brother Fred provided the music, which was beautiful. On July 24th, many of us either attended or participated in a memorial service for Sister Jo Ann Morgan, held at Pffaftown Baptist Church.

Just a reminder: Camp Gray Rock Craft Fair will be held September 17-19. Please remember to donate crafts or canned food for the District Craft Table, or items valued at \$25 or more for the auction. Meal tickets are available from Sister Elva Cheek.

August Events:

August 2 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm

August 15 Initiation Practice 5:00 pm

August 16 Stated Meeting and Initiation 7:30 pm

Happy August birthdays to: Carolyn Pullen (2), Mary Ann Cook (3), Julia Hauser (6), Mary Lou Ring (7), Tina Tolley (9), Debra Tucker (10), Cindy Simpson (11), Andy Hill and Bonnie Davis (14), Ann Shore and Connie Allen (15), June Beck (21), Vickie Gunn (24), John Downing (28), Renee Weavil (29), and Doris Williams (30)

Star Love:

Amy-Jo Fischer, WM and Fred Wood, WP



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

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- . 1st Degree (Jamie Kimbrell) August 3
- . 25th & 26th district meeting August 10
- . OTL Stated Meeting AUG -17 @ 7:30pm Dinner @ 6:30 PM
- . OTL Stated Meeting Sep -21 @ 7:30pm Dinner @ 6:30 PM
- . Bar B Que SEP 25
- . Grand Lodge (in WS) Sep 24-25
- . MHCO homecoming October 8-10. (More Info @ mhc-oxford.org)

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