



On The Level At Old Town Lodge

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At the **April 2021 Stated Meeting** in attendance were: 25 Masons, including 1-60 year mason, 1-50 year mason 5-25 year masons, 12-Past Masters, and 9- veterans of US armed forces. One petition to receive the degrees was read, two are preparing for the Fellowcraft degree.

Is Old Town Lodge Meeting? Yes! There are some restrictions imposed by covid19, but we are meeting 3rd Tuesdays each month.

Clean up Fix up day occurred as scheduled March 27th. The day began with a great breakfast at 8am and continue outside and inside. The appearance of the lodge grounds and premises is much improved

Masons at Work Below

Candidate **Clarence Webb Tatum** was initialed into masonry as an Entered Apprentice April 6.

Wm Frost spoke to the Lodge about the connection between masonry and the basic rights and freedoms on which our nation is founded. Many of the nations founders were Freemasons.

The WM's fine words prompted us to do a little googleing and locate some facts.

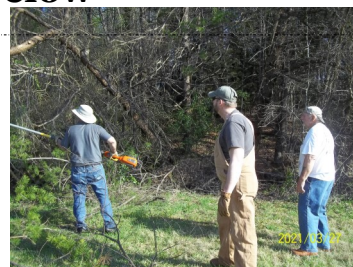
“Presidents known to be **Masons** include Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, and Gerald Ford. “

“Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, the number eight is usually accepted as the absolute minimum of **Masons** who signed the document. Though some evidence exists to show another 24 **were Masons**, it is not regularly accepted that they **were Masons**. “

“Things get a little less clear when it comes to the Constitution. It seems that at least nine of the signers can be conclusively documented as Freemasons: Gunning Bedford Jr.; John Blair; David Brearly; Jacob Broom; Daniel Carroll; **John Dickinson; Benjamin Franklin;** Rufus King; and George Washington. Some sources suggest that an additional four men were Masons, while other sources make the total number even higher. “

“Masons played an important part in the formation of the United States and especially in the Revolutionary War and the events that led up to this war. It is commonly believed that the lodge rooms of a Boston Masonic Lodge served as the dressing room for the so-called Indians who threw the Boston Tea Party. Paul Revere, who later went on to be Grand Master of Massachusetts, was thought to be one of those Indians. “

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Fund raising opportunities have been somewhat limited by covid19. The **gun raffle** has been our most successful effort for several years. Some discussion was held about possible obstacles that might arise because of the virus and because of efforts ongoing to limit the availability of firearms.

Are there other possibilities for fund raising that could replace the gun raffle? None apparent.

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

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- OTL Stated Meeting May-18 @ 7:30pm Dinner @ 6:30 PM
- OTL Stated Meeting Jun-15 @ 7:30pm Dinner @ 6:30 PM

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