



On The Level At Old Town Lodge

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Stated Meeting Present were 52- masons: including 20- visitors, 1 60-year mason, 1-50 -year mason 18 -25-year masons, 20 -past masters, 8- veteran/1st- responder, and 15 -endowed members. And one-petition for affiliation received

The **open to the public** installation of 2024 officers was held January 13, 2024 @2:00 pm. All officers were present for their installation. Refreshments were offered after the ceremonies.

WB William “Bill” Moon, PM has served in this masonic realm for **70 years**. **MW Don Kehler** Grand Master of Masons in NC assisted by **WB Joey Transou** came to OTL for the January stated meeting and presented him with the appropriate honors.

OTL’s annual golf tournament is planned for May of 2024. **JW Andrew Leinbach**, is leading that charge. He will need volunteers for all phases,—playing through cleaning up.

WB Bro Bill mentioned that, as he worked in several capacities and at several locations with NC DOT, he moved his lodge membership accordingly. So, he had been a member of 6 different lodges. Truly a “once in a lifetime award”, but also a once in a lifetime opportunity for others to witness such a tremendous achievement. **WB Bill** was born July 25th, 1928 and was raised July 28th 1953 by **James A. Johnson** Masonic Lodge #413 in Louisburg, NC.

OTL was once again victim of a **water supply line failure** . Fortunately it was discovered on the fourteenth and several brothers, having the necessary skills, were notified and responded. **WM Chad Leinbach** extends thanks to all who responded. In these events there is usually an expense to the water utility for lost water. Let’s see how this goes.

Grand Master Don Kehler made his remarks short, concentrating on his presentation to Bro Moon, and his plan to hasten on to Marion NC that evening. One of his comments involved a certain lodge’s dissatisfaction with a new master’s wearing of short pants and a ball cap to preside over communications. His solution was to visit the lodge, do the same and reach the conclusion that it is the internal not the external that makes a mason.

We don’t know whether it was the presence of the Grand Master, His helper **WB Joey Transou**, **WB Bill Moon’s** award, the “kick-off meeting for 2024, the alignment of the planets or what”, but the premeeting meal was a whoopee event. It was prepared by **Mrs. Shawn Summerfield (Daniele)**.

Another of his points was the importance of the symbols in freemasonry such and 3, 5, 7 in the Fellowcraft degree. Also special ball caps (with headlights) are available through him. (we think the grand master was a hit)

Food for thought.

There was mention at the stated, of the oldest masonic lodge in the world ?. And at least one candidate was put forward. “Lodge Mother Kilwinning” . However there are doubts. In this article <https://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/oldest-masonic-lodge.html>

One thing stands out, “legend is not proof”. To clinch the title there should be evidence. No eyewitness are available for this title . Some would put forward written records, meeting minutes, or such as evidence. In that case Lodge Kilwinning, located in Edinburgh, is ousted in favor of The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary’s Chapel) No. 1 .

One might ponder this on a cold rainy evening, or not. One might also have the opportunity at some time to visit Edinburgh Scotland and decide for yourself, or not. And while on this web site, one might read some of the other masonic history there. (it is worth one’s while).

March B Days

Joseph L. Hall	4
A. "Tony" R. Morgan	8
"Mike" R. Grubbs	9
K. "Chad" Leinbach	13
Jerry G. Taylor	17
Bobby L. Adams	19
James A. McCoy	21
D. "Ray" Pope	23
Paul D. Tutherow Jr	25
Billy W. Sparks, Jr.	25
Scott L. Andrews	28
Paul E. Hauser	31

Sick and bereaved

Mrs. Bill Moon
Tom Shore
Billy Walters
Bill Sheets (loss of wife)
Glenn Oaks (& Mrs)
Carey Mock
Paul Tetherow

Installation Photos



2024 Officers Old Town lodge 751

Master	Chad Leinbach
Senior Warden	Andrew Leinbach
Jr Warden	Shawn Summerfield
Secretary	Scott Horn Pm
Treasurer	Scott Andrews Pm
Sr. Deacon	Reg Fowler
Jr Deacon	Bryan Dirscherl
Sr Steward	James Dunn
Jr Stewart	Brantley Cummins
Chaplain	Deane Muhlenberg
Tyler	Tom Hauser Sr. Pm
Trustee	Tyler Leinbach PM



WB Bill Moon Award Presented by Grand Master Don Kehler and kickoff for 2024

WB Joey Transou



WB Moon & MWB Kehler



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

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- **OTL Stated Meeting Feb 20 @ 7:00pm ;Coffee @ 5:00 PM Dinner @ 6:00 PM Roasted Chicken w/Side Dish and Desert**
- **OTL Stated Meeting Mar 19 @ 7:00pm ;Coffee @ 5:00 PM Dinner @ 6:00 PM Corned Beef w/Side Dish and Desert**
- **OTL Stated Meeting Apr 16 @ 7:00pm ;Coffee @ 5:00 PM Dinner @ 6:00 PM Country Fried Steak w/Side Dish and Desert**
- **OTL Golf Tournament May Date TBD JW Andrew Leinbach**, is leading that charge. He will need volunteers for all phases,—playing through cleaning up.

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