

**HISTORY OF
OLD TOWN LODGE
NO 751
OTL 751 AF&AM**

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1973

On November 20,1973, most Worshipful Nathaniel C. Dean, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina came to Winston-Salem and granted a dispensation to 50 masons to form a masonic lodge

North Carolina's Newest Old Town Is Instituted

OLD TOWN—The 386th lodge in North Carolina received its dispensation to begin work on November 20 and was off to a running start with the reception of six petitions.



W. Jay Gaultney,
Master
Old Town Lodge, U.D.

The dispensation was granted by Grand Master Nathaniel C. Dean to the 50 Masons who form the nucleus of the new lodge. During the next few months these Masons will strive to meet the requirements which will qualify them to be granted a charter during the April communication of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master opened a Master Mason's Lodge and conducted the ceremony of Institution. Thomas J. Hill and Ernest F. Teague, acting as Marshals, invested the new officers with aprons and jewels and conducted them to their stations and places. The Grand Master delivered an appropriate oration and then delivered the dispensation and gavel to the Master, Jay Gaultney, who conducted the remaining business of the communication.

The proposed By-laws were read and adopted, the six petitions were read and received, and the first meeting of Old Town Lodge U.D. was closed.

Grand Lodge Officers and officials attending, in addition to the Grand Master, were

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Grand Secretary Charles A. Harris (PGM), Past Grand Master Sam A. Hennis, Jr., Junior Grand Deacon J. Earl Watson, Grand Chaplain I. Boyd Hopkins, Assistant Grand Chaplain Troy G. Robbins, and Grand Secretaria Assistant Robert P. Dudley.

The officers of the new lodge are pictured and identified elsewhere in this issue.

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The North Carolina Mason

December, 1973

INSTITUTION OF OLD TOWN LODGE U. D.



OLD TOWN—At top left above are the officers of North Carolina's 386th and newest lodge. Bottom row, left to right: Jr. Warden Marvin V. Olson, Master W. Jay Gaultney, Grand Master Nathaniel C. Dean (handing dispensation to Master,) Senior Warden Boyd A. Byrd, Jr., and Treasurer Robert E. Sorrells. Second row, left to right: Chaplain Briggs D. Miles, Junior Deacon Glenn C. Oakes, Sr., Senior Deacon James O. Wilberspoon, and Secretary Maurice E. Melton. Top row, left to right: Stewards C. Eugene Fetter and Jim Horne (Proxy for Rex S. Cline), and Tyler Loyd M. Burgess. Past Grand Master Sam A. Hennis, Jr., is in the top center picture, while Junior Grand Deacon J. Earl Watson and Grand Chaplain I. Boyd Hopkins are pictured at top right. The two pictures immediately above show some of the large gathering of Masons on hand for the occasion.

Those 50 charter members were:

Bobby L. Adams
A.W. Beroth, Jr.
J.R Bledsoe
G.I. Britt
B.A. Byrd, Jr.
Loyd M. Burgess
J.R. Cleary
Rex S. Cline
W.H. Davis
J.C. Douglass, Jr.
T.L. Douglass, Sr.
C.E. Fetter
W. Jay Gaultney
R.W. Griffiths
J.N. Guill
Marvin C. flanks
R.D. Hardin
Fred B. Hauser
S. Dalton Hauser
A.J. (Jack) Horn
E.G. (Bill) Horn
J.G. (Jim) Horn
Robert B. Horn, J
W. Norman Horn
Leonard Howard
Gale D. Howell
M.R. Hunter
LW. Hutchens
Ben Johnson
G.W. Johnson, JR.
LI. Leinbach
J.W. Long
M.E. Melton
Briggs D. Miles
Glenn C. Oakes, Sr.
Marvin V. Olson
CD . Peeler
H.L. Plake
Jack N. Poole
William C. Queen
R.A. Saunders
O.E. Shouse, Jr.
Clyde W Smith
J.B. Smothers
O.W. Snyder
R.E. Sorrells
A.S. Tatum

Haywood L. Weddle

J.H. Wilson

J.O. Witherspoon

The first slate of officers of Old Town Lodge, U.D., AF&AM were:

Jay Gaultney Master

B. A. Byrd Senior Warden

Marvin Olson Junior Warden

Robert Sorrells Treasurer

Maurice Melton Secretary

Jim Witherspoon Senior Deacon

Glenn Oakes Junior Deacon

Charles Fetter Senior Steward

Rex Cline Junior Steward

Briggs Miles Chaplain

Loyd Burgess Tyler

At that very first communication six petitions for the degrees were read.

The lodge conferred its first three Entered Apprentice degrees December 27, 1973, followed by a Fellow Craft degree on January 19, 1974, and a Master Mason's degree February 26, 1974. Brother Dennis Hauser was the first candidate to be raised to the sublime degree. This fulfilled the requirement that the officers be able to confer each of the three degrees of masonry.

William L. Mills, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina came to Old Town Lodge U.D. April 25, 1974 and performed the ceremony consecrating the lodge as Old Town No. 751 AF&AM.

May 18, 1974 Bros. R.A. Moody and M. Thomas Hauser were raised to the sublime degree. Both were later to become masters of Old Town Lodge. And, on June 4, Clayton Shumate passed the first third degree proficiency examination ever held in the lodge.

A portrait of Bro. Jay Gaultney, our first master, was placed in the vestibule this year, a practice that has continued for all subsequent masters.

From the granting of the dispensation to work on November 20, 1973 through December 31, 1974, we held 39 meetings raised 14 and ended the year with a total membership of 66.

1975

Officers for this year were:

B.A. Byrd Master
Marvin Olson Senior Warden
Jim Witherspoon Junior Warden
Robert Sorrells Treasurer
Maurice Melton Secretary
Glenn Oakes Senior Deacon
Charles Fetter Junior Deacon
Haywood Weddle Senior Steward
Marvin Banks Junior Steward
R.A. Moody Chaplain
Loyd Burgess Tyler

In this year, at the January 21, 1975 stated meeting, held in the "old Lodge", the motion was made to start a building fund. The brothers began immediately to raise money for a Temple by various projects such as selling each other Masonic belt buckles.

During this, the second full year We held 50 meetings raised 19 and ended the year with a total membership of 89.

1976

Officers for this year were:

Marvin Olson- Master
James C. Witherspoon- Senior Warden
Glenn Cakes- Junior Warden
Robert Sorrells -Treasurer
Maurice Melton- Secretary
Charles Fetter- Senior Deacon
Haywood Weddle- Junior Deacon
Marvin Hanks -Senior Steward
Oteen W. Snyder-Junior Steward
R.A. Moody -Chaplain
Loyd Burgess -Tyler

These were the "getting started years" of Old Town Lodge and the minutes show the following acknowledgements of gifts received:

Metal Desks- RJR Industries
Refrigerator- B.A. Byrd
Letter 'G for building- C.L. Shouse
Working Tools- Ben Johnson
Slide Projector- Dennis Hauser
First Degree Slides- Jack Horn
Altar- Gale Howell

Kneeling Bench-D.W. Rierson C.L. Shouse & W.H. Davis
Clock-D.W. Rierson
Receiving Tool- Paul Beck
Altar Bible- Marvin C. Flanks
Officers Gavels -J.W. Gaultney
Second Degree Carpet -D.W. Rierson & C.L. Shouse
Charter Stand -C.W. Fearington.
Master's Chair -T.L. Dicus
Ash Trays- J.R. Riggins
Third Degree Slides -C. H. Ferguson

This was also the year of the first land purchase. Several proposals were made and by the end of the year OTL purchased 3 lots of land from Bro. Dalton Hauser for \$15000 for the site of a temple to be built in the future.

But, this was not to be. Zoning problems were to arise preventing construction on this site. However, providentially, Bro. C.E. North, who was later to donate the land our present temple sits on, petitioned for the degrees during this same year. Also, petitioning for affiliation during this year was a future master of OTL Bro. Bob Verdinek.

In this year we held 42 meetings raised 23 and ended the year with a total membership of 119.

1977

Officers for this year were:
James O. Witherspoon- Master
Glenn Oakes- Senior Warden
Charles Fetter- Junior Warden
Robert Sorrells- Treasurer
Maurice Melton -Secretary
Haywood Weddle- Senior Deacon
Marvin Hanks- Junior Deacon
J.M.Poole -Senior Steward
O.W. Snyder- Junior Steward
LA. Moody -Chaplain
Loyd Burgess- Tyler

This year Lodges of Sorrow were held for Bros. Noel Thomas Whittington and Dalton C. Hauser. On a happier note, Dean Plemmons, later to become District Deputy *Grand* Lecturer, delivered the first Fellowcraft lecture of his career in Old Town Lodge. Also, J.C. Shouse, later to become master of OTL, was initiated, passed, and raised.

Another OTL "tradition", that of presenting Bibles to all newly raised Master Masons, was instituted during this year. In 1977 we held 46 meetings raised 26 and ended the year with a total membership of 146

1978

Officers installed for 1978 were:

Glenn Oakes -Master
Haywood Weddle- Senior Warden
Marvin Hanks- Junior Warden
J.R. Lawson -Treasurer
Maurice Melton -Secretary
Oteen W. Snyder- Senior Deacon
J.MPoole -Junior Deacon
LA. Moody -Senior Steward
MM. Snyder -Junior Steward
M.T. Hauser- Chaplain
Loyd Burgess -Tyler

Although the lodge continued to plan and accumulate funds for a new temple, obstacles began to— surface in the form of zoning restrictions on the “Hauser land. Dues were raised to \$30 to supplement the building fund. (Motion to raise them to \$50 was defeated)

The first programs on the formation of an Eastern Star chapter were presented and on May 6, 1978 Old Town Chapter OES was instituted with sponsoring masons from Old Town Lodge.

Among those raised in this year was Larry McLean a future master of OTL and Joe Wages present (1986) Senior Warden joined the lodge by affiliation.

During the year 33 meetings were held 14 *were* raised and *we* finished the year with 164 members.

1979

Officers for this year *were*:

Haywood Weddle -Master
Marvin Hanks- Senior Warden
J.M.Poole -Junior Warden
J.R. Lawson -Treasurer
Maurice Melton -Secretary
LA. Moody -Senior Deacon
M O. Snyder -Junior Deacon
Robert Verdinek -Senior Steward
James C. Shouse -Junior Steward
M T. Hauser -Chaplain
Loyd Burgess -Tyler

The zoning problems with the Hauser land continued, but, nonetheless, the lodge, with the help of Old Town Chapter OES, continued to set money aside for a new temple. The question of a site for the temple was soon to be resolved. Bro. C.E. ('Runt) North offered a gift of 2.25 acres for that purpose. (After some trading with cooperative neighboring landowners, to square up the boundaries, this land became the site of the present temple.)The Hauser land was sold back to the Hauser heirs and the proceeds from this sale were added to the building fund.

On November 20, the building committee reported that the temple site had been surveyed. They also presented several choices of floor plan.

During this year we held 30 meetings raised 13 and ended the year with a membership of 176.

1980

Officers for this year were:

Marvin Hanks -Master

J.M. Poole- Senior Warden

LA. Moody -Junior Warden

James L. Shouse -Treasurer

Maurice Melton -Secretary

Robert Verdinek -Senior Deacon

James C. Shouse -Junior Deacon

M.T. Hauser Senior -Steward

Edwin Hardesty -Junior Steward

Joe Wages -Chaplain

T.E. Bullard -Tyler

On April 15 approval was obtained from the zoning board for the construction of a Masonic Temple on the North land. With the site secured and zoning approved planning for the new temple began in earnest.

we held 36 meetings raised 12 and ended *the* year with a total membership of 182.

1981

Officers for this year were:

J.M.Poole -Master

R.A. Moody -Senior Warden

Robert Verdinek -Junior Warden

James L. Shouse -Treasurer

Maurice Melton -Secretary

James C. Shouse -Senior Deacon

N.T. Hauser -Junior Deacon

Edwin Hardesty -Senior Steward

Larry McLean- Junior Steward

Joe Wages - Chaplain

Robert Isgett Jr. -Tyler

The years of preparation began to pay off. On March 17, 1981 Bro. Herb Blankenship, Chairman of the building committee, presented Mr. Fred Poe to the lodge. Mr. Poe explained the proposed plans for the new temple.



Most Worshipful Nelson B. Banks, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, approved the plans for the new temple on April 30. Bro. Joe Selecman, not yet a member of OTL, agreed to take charge of the electrical work for the new temple and Bro. Charles Ferguson accepted the responsibility for overseeing the air conditioning work, both brothers being well qualified in these fields. Later on, Bro. Selecman assumed the position of overall construction superintendent for the project at no cost to the lodge.

And, on July 18, a major milestone was passed with the laying of the cornerstone.

Many of the lodge members contributed labor for the construction of the building, some many hours and some less. However, three deserve special mention; Bro. Joe Selecman, Bro. Amiel Kapps and J.F. Crissman.

Bro Seleoman though a mason did not affiliate with Old Town 751 until some time after the temple was complete. Bro. Crissman, a retired carpenter, was not a mason during the construction. However, he petitioned the lodge and was the first mason raised to the sublime degree in the new temple. Our present membership owes a debt of gratitude to these men.

To support the building of the new temple the lodge raised the dues to \$50 per year.

We held 34 meetings raised 10 and ended the year with a total membership of 191.

1982

Officers for this year were:

LA. Moody- Master
Robert Verdinek -Senior Warden
James C. Shouse -Junior Warden
James L. Shouse -Treasurer
A.G. Gorham -Secretary
H.T. Hauser- Senior Deacon
Edwin Hardesty- Junior Deacon
Larry McLean -Senior Steward
Joe Wages -Junior Steward
CM. Winfrey -Chaplain
C.E. Deal -Tyler

On May 23 a bus load of OTL members made a trip Oxford Orphanage.

The chairs in the lodge were purchased by gift of \$100 by individual members.



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The *first* meeting in the new temple was the May 18, 1982 stated meeting. J. F. Crissman, a retired carpenter

who had donated many hours of work to the construction of the new temple, was the first mason raised to the sublime degree within it's walls.

And finally, on August 13, 1982 a joyous day for the members of OLT, an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was convened in the new temple and the temple was dedicated with the usual Masonic ceremonies. M.W. A.C. Honeycutt, Grand Master presided. Bro. R.A. Moody, WM, gave the welcome address and Bro. B.A. Byrd, PM gave a history of OTL.

Bro. R.A. Moody acted as master in the dedication ceremony, Bro. Haywood Weddle, PM was principal architect, Bro. Glenn Oakes, PM, was Bearer of the taper, Bro. Jack Poole, PM was bearer of the constitution, Bra. Marvin Olson, PM was bearer of the three great lights.

During this year OTL held 42 meetings raised 14 and finished the year with 199 members.

1983

Officers for this year were:

Robert Verdinek- Master
James C. Shouse -Senior Warden
N.T. Hauser -Junior Warden
James L. Shouse -Treasurer
A.G. Gorham- Secretary
Edwin Hardesty -Senior Deacon
Larry McLean -Junior Deacon
Joe Wages -Senior Steward
G.J. Robbins -Junior Steward
G.M. Winfrey -Chaplain
G.E. Deal -Tyler

Old *Town* Chapter 355 OES held *an* underground beef bar-be-que supper and raised 1316.00 which they presented to the lodge for the building fund. This has continued as an annual event.

Old *Town* Lodge hosted the 48th district meeting on August. W.M. Cecil B. Liverman Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina presided.

Oct. 25, at a fellowcraft degree at Old Town, brother James C. Shouse presented a masonic emblem made of anodized aluminum to W.M. Cecil B. Liverman, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina.

This emblem was to be displayed on the front of the Grand ...Master's home lodge American Lodge of Murfreesboro, N.C.



Brother Jim, who had previously made a similar emblem for OTL, made this emblem especially for the Grand Master, at his request.

During this year 8 brothers were raised 34 meeting were held and we finished the year with 202 members.

1984

Officers for the year were;

James C. Shouse

Master

M.T. Hauser

Senior Warden

Larry McLean

Junior Warden

James L. Shouse

Treasurer

A.G. Gorham

Secretary

Joe Wages

Senior Deacon

G.J. Robbjns Junior Deacon

G.M. Winfrey Senior Steward

Merit O. Sugg Junior Steward

Gerald L. Whitlock Chaplain

C.E. Deal Tyler

During the year 35 meeting were held
11 brothers were raised
and we finished the year with 199 members.

1985

Officers for this year *were*:

M.T. Hauser -Master

Larry McLean -Senior Warden

Joseph E. Wages -Junior Warden

James L. Shouse -Treasurer

A.G. Gorham-Secretary

G.J. Robbins -Senior Deacon

CM. Winfrey -Junior Deacon

Merit D. Sugg -Senior Steward

Gerald L. Whitlock J-unior Steward

Herbert L. Blankenship -Chaplain

C.E. Deal. -Tyler

The Old Town Lodge Newsletter was started was started in March of this year.

Grand Master I. Boyd Hopkins visited the lodge at the March stated when a Demolay degree was conferred by the Winston- Salem chapter of the order of Demolay.

During this year 5 members were presented 25 year continuous membership certificates.

During the year 26 meetings were held 6 brothers were raised and we finished the year with 203 members

1986

25-year Certificate Award was presented to 1 member Old Town Lodge

Brother Scott Horn qualified as youngest Certified Lecturer in NC

PM Robert Verdinek was appointed District Deputy Grand Master

History of Old Town Lodge was prepared by Senior Warden Joseph Wages

31 meetings were held and 9 new Master Masons were raised

1987

July 9, First meeting of Rainbow for Girls Assembly #37

25-year Certificate Awards were presented to 6 members Old Town Lodge

21 meetings were held and 3 new Master Masons were raised

1988

25-year Certificates were presented to 2 members Old Town Lodge

50-year Certificate Award was presented to Elbert Edward Levy

31 meetings were held and 6 new Master Masons were raised

1989

25-year Certificate Award was presented to 1 member Old Town Lodge

38 meetings and 15 new Master Masons raised membership to 232

1990

60-year Silver Jubilee Certificate presented to Joseph Selecman

39 meetings were held and 15 new Master Masons were raised

1991

25-year Certificate Award was presented to 1 member Old Town Lodge

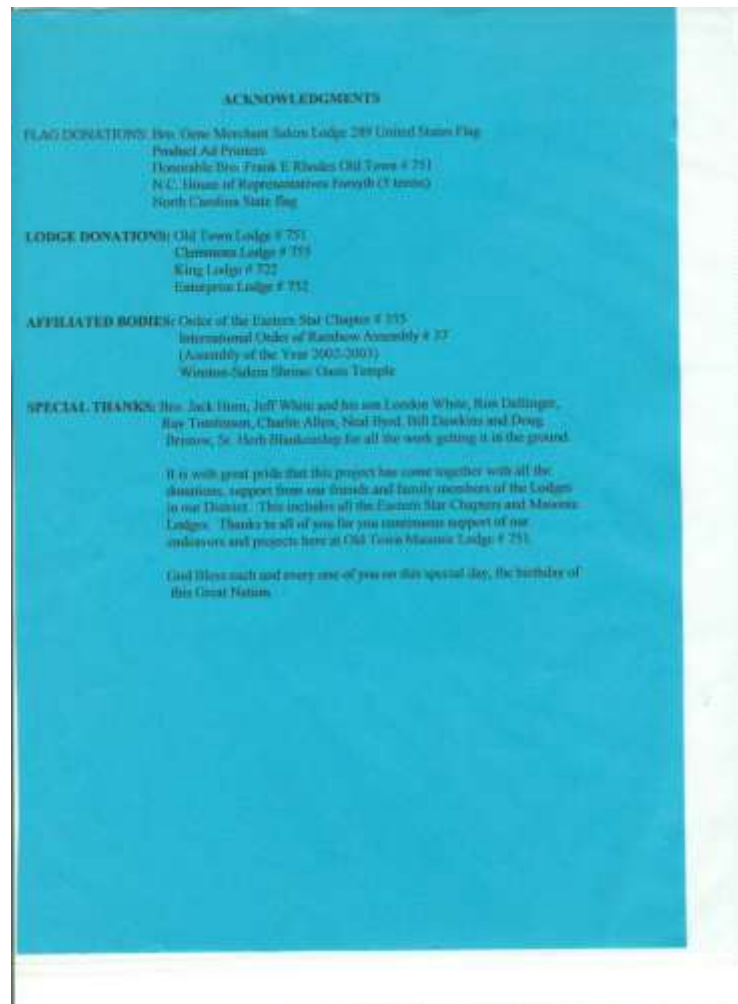
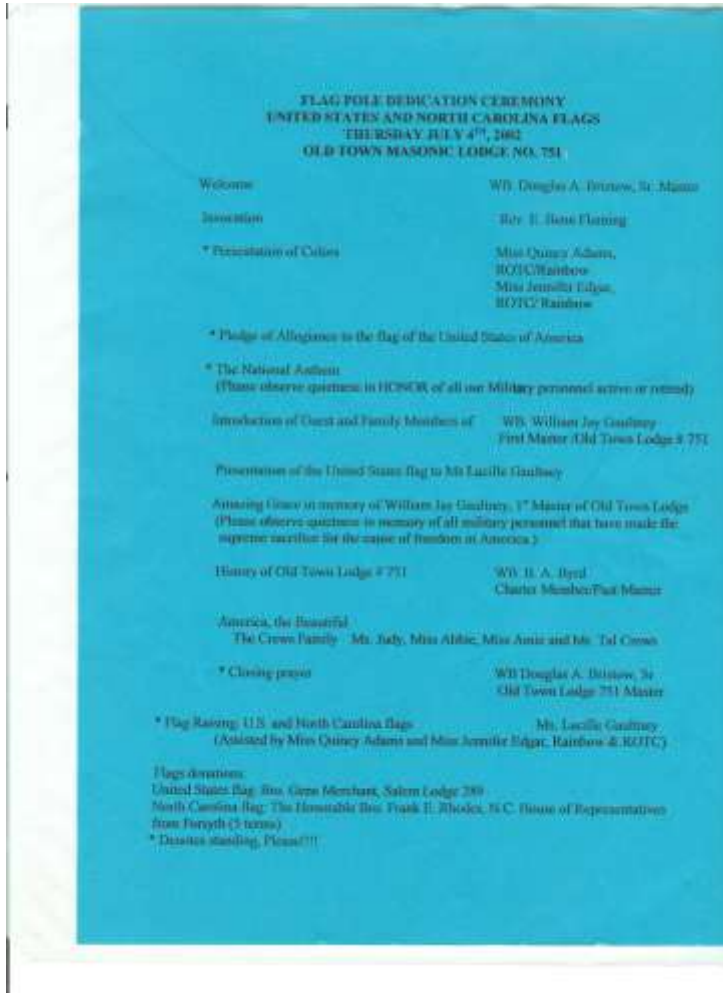
Sr Warden Scott Horn was appointed District Deputy Grand Lecturer

19 meetings and 5 new Master Masons raised membership to 245

August 10, Debt Retirement "Mortgage Burning" Ceremony and Thank You Dinner

Years 92 -2006 are incomplete at this time

2002



2006

2007

Ray Pope (formerly of Beaver-darn Lodge) was elected Master of OTL for the year 2007. Also elected were Alan Williard, SW, Terry Wooten, JW, Herb Blankenship, treasurer, Scott Horn, secretary, and Ron Dellinger, trustee.



2008

2008 Officers are:

Alan Williard	Master
Terry Wooten	Senior Warden
Rick Ashworth	Junior Warden
Herb Blankenship PM	Treasurer
Scott Horn PM	Secretary
Ray Pope	Trustee
Jesse Levy	Senior Deacon
Danny Wingo	Junior Deacon
Norman Noah	Senior Steward
Charles Binck	Junior Steward
Jerry Todd	Chaplain
Ian lee	Tiler

2009

Old Town Lodge elected officers for the 2009 year at the November stated with results as follows:

Master - Terry Wooten, Senior Warden - Rick Ashworth, Junior Warden - Jesse Levy, Treasurer - Herb Blankenship, Secretary - Scott Horn, Trustee - Alan Williard.

2010

Past Master Williard Called to Serve Again.

Past Master Alan Williard was elected to serve as master for the 2010 year. Junior Warden Levy resigned, for personal reasons, before completing his term. Senior Warden Ashworth asked not to be considered because of the uncertainty of his job situation. (He is just finishing up his course at the police academy and expected to be assigned somewhere.).

The unavailability of the two logical candidates required the lodge to turn to the past master list for the coming year's master. (One must have served a full term as warden to be eligible.) Brother Williard had a very successful year as master in his first term and we expect a repeat performance this time. In addition to Brother Williard the following were elected to serve OTL as officers next year

Danny Wingo	– Senior Warden
Norman Noah	– Junior Warden
Herb Blankenship	– Treasurer
Scott Horn	- Secretary
Terry Wooten	- Trustee



2011

OTL elected officers for 2011. Newly Elected officers are:
WM –Danny Wingo; SW– Norman Noah; JW– Andrew Salmons; Treas.-Herb Blankenship; Sect. –Scott Horn, and Trustee—Jack Horn. Appointments to-date are SD– Scot Andrews; JD-Randy Young; Chaplain -Ray Tomlinson .

