

Ornan No. 117 Annual ROTC / Armed Forces Steak Dinner

Saturday May 15th 6:30 p.m.

Ribeye Steak and all the fixings, dessert, tea and coffee only \$15.00 per person.

Tickets available at lodge meetings, through any of the officers or at the door.



Ornan Lodge No. 117 F&AM
P.O. Box 982
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April 2021

Chartered January 21, 1890

Stated Communications every

1st and 3rd Mondays of each month 7:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Most Worshipful Grand Master

M.: W.: Tommy L. Turlington

District Deputy Grand Master

R.: W.: Tonay K. Martin

District Instructor

R.: H.: Michael J. Bolin

Elected Lodge Officers for 2021

Worshipful Master: RW.: Bill Catsulis

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Senior Warden: Bro. Mike Trickle

352-804-1944

Junior Warden: w.: Lee Lash

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Secretary W.: Douglas Bruce Tatham

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Treasurer: W.: Dick Roberts

2021 Appointed Lodge Officers

Senior Deacon: W.: Daviid B. Alford

Junior Deacon: Bro. Brandon M. Williams

Senior Steward: Mark Charles Allen

Junior Steward: Bro. Stan Berry

Chaplin: W.: Daryl Gene Allsion

Marshal: R.: W.: Glen Lee Garner

Tyler: Bro. John Brostek

Chaplains Corner:

If you know of any Brother or Sister who needs need any support, prayers or comfort, please Contact: W.: Daryl Gene Allison

352-214-4588

TRESTLEBOARD

My Brothers, if you have an email address please check it. We are emailing this Trestleboard to the email address we have on file. If you do not have an email address please call the Secretary W.: Douglas Bruce Tatham at 850-816-8121 This is important information we can save about 500.00 per year by sending the TB electronically.

Distress and Relief

If you know of any Brother or Sister who needs need any support, in this time of need, including food, please contact me directly. Several Brothers have expressed the ability to help Call Bill Catsulis 352-804-3981

My Brothers, we are in the process of a "Lodge Renewal Program" using ideas from the Masonic Leadership Training Program. This is 10 Steps we have formed into committees and Brothers are all working to implement them to improve our Lodge. This is just the beginning of the plan we have in place.

1. PLAN, PROGRAM, PREPARE : We have a yearly calendar with all our dates set
2. ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS: We joined the Chamber of Commerce as a way to network.
3. SPICE UP LODGE MEETINGS; We are going to keep the meetings times shorter but have more substance. Guest speakers. Opening lodge in the lesser degrees.
4. FAMILY INVOLVEMENT : A family movie night monthly starting this Friday
5. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/VISIBILITY: Joined the Chamber of Commerce, plan on hosting a luncheon, helping with community events as a lodge function.
6. FUNDRAISER: Movie Night, Fish Fry, Pork Butt Sale, Chicken Dinners and more.
7. MEMBERSHIP RETENTION/UTILIZATION: Callfire Drive a Brother to Lodge, better communication.
8. PUBLICIZE YOUR LODGE (INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY): Lodge open house, at every meeting, subscribed to paper, 1/2 page article already in January.
9. LODGE APPEARANCE: Painting outside, fixing our dining hall floor, new ideas everyday
10. RITUAL: Weekly Practice, Lodge instructor, District School with DI soon.

FROM THE EAST

MY Brothers,

We are well into 2021 and we have a lot happening,

The Lodge Renewal is coming along nicely and we have a great slate of Officers learning their trades to continue to work of the lodge.

We have some great events coming up soon,

The Annual ROTC Appreciation Dinner will be on Saturday May 15th at 6:30 p.m. Ribeye Stake Dinner with all the fixings for 15.00 per person. You will fins two tickets in this envelope. If you cannot make it sell the teickets and send the lodge a check. Please support your lodge and the ROTC.. May 15th is Armed Forces Day and there will also be a great program put fortheh by RW Glen Garner. That involves service to our Country and Patriotism.

We have the Grand Communication coming up after that, at the end of May.

Then in mid June several of out Officers are traveling wit the Grand Line to Zaccatecas Mexico for their Grand Communication.

We are planning to get back to the 5th Monday Covered Dish Dinners with guest speakers.

We also want to participate with the Chamber of Commerce by hosting a luncheon meeting here at our Lodge for them. Come see what you are missing.

God Bless you, Your Families, America

Bill Catsulis Worshipful Master 2021

FROM THE WEST:

Greetings from the west, my brothers. I hope this article finds you well and that all remain healthy in this troubled environment we live in. My apologies for not being more prompt on the trestle board, as these are busy and complicated times.

Despite severe headwinds, and only five of the same people trying to get our lodge projects done, we are managing to make slow but sure progress in a couple of different areas. Final decisions have been made and floor prep has begun in our dining area, and soon we'll be walking upon an upgraded floor. We have a full plan in place and will be working over the next couple of weeks to complete this project. We will send a call fire to inform all of you of upcoming work days, and it would be great to see some brothers come out and lend a hand in upgrading our lodge. Not just on the floor, but also installing new fire protection and detection equipment, which has already been purchased; prepping and painting our exterior west wall where our movies are projected, and then moving on with painting the entire building exterior. Special shout out to our Brother Alford for quietly going about keeping the lodge grounds mowed and maintained, and making sure things look good for our movie presentations.

Our movie nights continue and it has been a struggle keeping this monthly fundraiser on the profitable side. Mostly because we are getting almost zero participation from our own lodge. To those of you have have shown up to help, and/or attend, thank you. As the head of our lodge finance committee, I would like to point out that because our dues are not covering our expenses, it has fallen upon our fundraising to support our lodge. If we can't get participation in our fundraisers we are financially going in the hole. It is up to all of us to help keep our lodge financially sound. Please brothers, we need you to step up and support our lodge. Bring family, friends, or even distressed brothers who might not be able to get themselves and their families to our lodge. Let your churches know, coworkers, teammates, and relatives. It is a super relaxing, and enjoyable evening, and the movies are free. We only make money selling concessions. Our April movie will be Apollo 13, and our May movie will be The Greatest Showman. Hope to see you there.

I have informed the RW Catsulis that I will have something prepared for every lodge meeting concerning masonic education. I will continue to find interesting subjects and historic facts relating to Masonry. One of my favorite things to do is find facts and information relating to ancient operative masons/geometricians, and demonstrate the foundations of our masonic Beliefs

Stay well my brothers, I hope to see all of you at labor and at refreshment.

Fraternally, Michael Trickel Senior Warden 2021

Hello my brothers and greetings from the South,

Brothers, I'm having trouble writing a meaningful article because I haven't met many of you. Where are you?

The officers of the lodge are trying hard to make Lodge more than just a business meeting. Our last Friday of the Month movies and more community involvement with the Chamber of Commerce are just a couple of the activities that we hope will peak your interest and get you to come to lodge. We need your input to make Masonry what you joined the fraternity for to begin with. The Covid pandemic has made it difficult for everyone and I am sure that for some of you, this is the reason for not attending, but we have less exposure in Lodge than most of you have when going to Walmart. Wear a mask, use a fist bump or elbow bump instead of shaking hands, but please come to Lodge. I feel bad every meeting when most of the officers show up and no one is sitting on the sidelines. We are making decisions without the benefit of input from the craft. Please come out and make a difference.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Fraternally

Lee Lash
Junior Warden 2021