

FLORA LODGE #119 A.F & A.M.
December 2022 NEWSLETTER
Stated Meeting 1st Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M
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Looking West...

Masonic Moments from Past Decembers:

Shortly after 6PM On December 16, 1773, a number of Boston "Indians" (Boston Masons disguised as Indians) boarded three British vessels at anchor at Boston Harbor to dump 300 chests of tea into the harbor to protest British taxes. Bro. John Hancock was said to be a leader of the raiding party.

On December 5, 1791, Bro. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria at age 35. The Austrian's musical genius shines and his Masonic enthusiasm are reflected in a number of compositions. He was penniless at his death and had to be buried in a pauper's grave. Bro. Mozart was initiated in 1784 in Lodge Zur Wohltatigkeit, in Vienna.

On December 2, 1901 American Bro. King Camp Gillette, inventor and manufacturer, patented the first razor with disposable blades. Until that time men shaved with straight edged razors.

November/December Events of Interest:

- Thursday, November 17, 2022, **Bro. James Todd Hollis** was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Please join me in congratulating Bro. Hollis on completing this important step in his Masonic journey.
- Friday, December 9, 2022, will be the **prep day** for our annual **Christmas Sharing Fish Fry Plus** event. A prep time will be announced once we have received the fish. Please plan to join us for this important event as we will need a lot of help.
- Saturday, December 10, 2022, **Christmas Sharing Fish Fry Plus fundraiser!** Brethren, we are going to need all of the help we can muster for this important event. As you know, it takes a lot of

- people working together to make this event successful. We will start working around 7AM. So, please join us to help make this a very success endeavor.
- Tuesday, December 6, 2022, R.W. Jim Wright, D.D.G.M. of District No. 7, will fill in for R.W. William R. Jacobs for his second official visit to Flora Lodge No. 119. R.W. Wright will present an important message from Grand Master Brad R. Billings.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, December 3, 2022, Flora 119's monthly **Pancake Breakfast** -- 7:30AM to 9:00AM,

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, **Stated Meeting, Stew Dinner** served at 6:30PM -- Meeting at 7:30PM,

Friday, December 9, 2022, **Prep Day for the Christmas Sharing Fish Fry** – Start time to be determined,

Saturday, December 10, 2022, **Christmas Sharing Fish Fry Fundraiser** – ALL HANDS-ON DECK ~ 7AM,

Monday, December 19, 2022 through January 2, 2023 **the Lodge will be dark.**

We have received our defibrator. **Bro, Craig Swaner** will give an important **'How To'** presentation during an upcoming **Thursday Night practice session.**

Finally, please keep our sick and distressed members, their family and friends, in your thoughts and prayers.