

FLORA LODGE #119 A.F & A.M.
January 2023 NEWSLETTER
Stated Meeting 1st Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M
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Looking West...

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!!

Masonic Moments from Past Januarys:

In 1880, was born in Driftwood, PA, Bro. Thomas Edwin Mix, American motion picture actor, best known for his 400 western cowboy films. He was a real-life US Marshal before becoming a film actor. Bro. Mix was initiated in Utopia Lodge 537, Los Angeles, CA, in 1925. He died near Florence, AZ, October 10, 1940.

In 1919. Bro. Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States, died at his home at Oyster Bay, NY. Bro. Roosevelt was initiated January 2, 1801, passed March 27 and raised April 24 of the same year in Matinecock Lodge 806, Oyster Bay, NY. He was made an honorary member of Pentalpha Lodge 23 at Washington, DC and took active part in many Masonic ceremonies.

In 1984 Bro. Dave Thomas, founder of Wendy's Food Chain, made of Clara Peller an instant cult figure in the first of the "Where's The Beef?" TV advertisements promoting Wendy's Hamburgers. The ornery old lady appeared in a total of four commercials, which created record levels of consumer awareness and won a Clio award.

December Events of Interest:

- The **Christmas Sharing Fish Fry Plus Fundraiser** held on December 10, 2022, was a HUGE SUCCESS! I want to offer a special **THANK YOU** to all the Brethren, OES members

- and others who helped make this year's fundraiser so successful! This event saw Masons being Masons!
- Another **THANK YOU** to **Bro. Craig Swaner** who on December 15, 2022, gave an excellent 'How To' on the use and function of the Lodge's new defibrillator. Additionally, he demonstrated the latest techniques on **CPR technique and Heimlich maneuver.**

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, January 3, 2023, **Stated Meeting**, Dinner at 6:30PM -- Meeting at 7:30PM,

Saturday, January 7, 2023, Flora 119's monthly **Pancake Breakfast** -- 7:30AM to 9:00AM,

Thursday → Saturday **January 19 - 21, 2023**, 187th Grand Lodge of Texas Annual Communication → Grand Lodge of Texas in WACO

Thursday, January 26, 2023, **A Special Past Master's Meeting/Program**, 6:30PM to 7:30PM.

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