

**FLORA LODGE #119 A.F & A.M.**  
**March 2023 NEWSLETTER**  
**Stated Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M**  
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Looking West:

**Of Masonic Historical Interest:**

**St. Johns Chapel - Lodge Canongate Kilwinning n.2** – one of the oldest Lodges operating under the **Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland** was founded in 1677. It has met in the **Chapel of St John** since 1735 and is given the distinction of meeting in the oldest purpose-built **Masonic** room in constant use in the world. It was built in the year 1362.

**February/March Events of Interest:**

During our February Stated Meeting, **R.W. Jim Rumsey, Grand Junior Warden of GLOT**, presented **Bro. Bobby McKee** with his **25 Year Life Time Achievement Award**. A number of other Grand Lodge officers and distinguished guests were present to watch **Bro. McKee** receive this well-deserved award.

**Flora Lodge No. 119** had a good turn out for the **Grand Master's Conference** in Longview, TX on February 11, 2023. One aspect of GM G. Clay Smith's message is for each constituent lodge to repatriate five (5) MMs/year. Accomplishing this goal could bring back as many as 3,500 inactive Masons each year.

**Flora Lodge** hosted a special **Wives of Deceased Masons Luncheon** at the **Red Dome Restaurant** in Quitman on **Valentine's Day**. The event was well attended and offered an opportunity to enjoy good food, fellowship and maintain a strong relationship with that important group --**the wives of our deceased Masons**.

**Flora Lodge No. 119** and **OES Chapter 695**, will co-host a **1<sup>st</sup> Responder's Spaghetti Dinner** on **Tuesday, March 14, 2023** from 6PM to 8PM. **We will need a lot of help** to make this event the success we want it to be.

**Flora Lodge** will award two (2) \$2,000.00 scholarships to deserving **Quitman High School** seniors this year. We should receive the completed scholarship applications from the high school by March 31, 2023. So, the **Scholarship Committee** should plan to meet shortly thereafter to begin their selection process.

**Upcoming March Events:**

- Thursday, March 2, 2023, **A Fellowcraft Proficiency**, 6:00PM – 7:00PM,
- Saturday, March 4, 2023, **Flora 119's** monthly **Pancake Breakfast** -- 7:30AM -- 9:00AM,
- Tuesday, March 7, 2023, **Stated Meeting**, 1st official visit by **R.W. Billy R. Jones, D.D.G.M.** of Masonic District No. 11; Meal at 6:30PM -- Meeting at 7:30PM,
- Thursday, March 9, 2023, **Lodge Practice**; 6:00PM – 7:00PM,
- Tuesday, March 14, 2023, **1<sup>st</sup> Responder's Spaghetti Dinner**; 6:00PM – 8PM,
- Thursday, March 16, 2023, **Master Mason's Degree**, 6:00PM – 8:30PM,
- Thursday, March 23, 2023, **Lodge Practice**, 6:00PM – 7:00PM,
- Thursday, March 30, 2023, **Lodge Practice**, 6:00PM – 7:00PM.

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