

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

**April Historical Masonic Events of Interest:**

April 6, 1922 – [International Order of the Rainbow for Girls](#) founded in McAlester, Oklahoma,

April 8, 1790 – [Grand Lodge of New Hampshire](#) was founded,

April 16, 1838 – [Grand Lodge of Texas](#) established in Houston, Texas,

April 17, 1787 – [Grand Lodge of Maryland](#) was founded,

April 20, 1884 – [Pope Leo XIII](#) published an encyclical, *Humanum Genus* against Freemasonry based upon the hoax by [Leo Taxil](#),

April 21, 1821 – [Grand Lodge of Missouri](#) was founded in Columbia, Missouri.

**March Events of Interest:**

*Flora Lodge No. 119* and *OES Chapter 695*, co-hosted a **1<sup>st</sup> Responder's Spaghetti Dinner** on **Tuesday, March 14, 2023**. This was the first time this event had been held in a couple of years. Four (4) walk-ins were served at the Lodge, and thirty (30) meals were delivered to local 1<sup>st</sup> responders. So, all things considered, it was a successful event. A special Thank You! to the ten (10) Brothers and six (6) members of *OES Chapter 695* who made the event a success. Hopefully, it will become an annual event.

Please join me in welcoming our newest **Master Mason** to *Flora Lodge No. 119*. On Thursday, March 16, 2023, **Bro. Brian Gregory Hill** was raised to the sublime degree of a **Master Mason**. He received an excellent degree; and, I want to offer a special Thank you! to all of those who helped make it happen.

A special Congratulations! Is due to **Brothers Danny Lonsberry and Craig Swaner** who become **Scottish Rite Masons** when they received their **Black Caps** from **R. W. Michael L. Wiggins, 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree SGIG** in **Texas** and **Venerable Master, Matthew T. Cason, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree KCCH** during the **Capping Event** at the **Four-Hundred-Fourteenth Reunion** at the **Scottish Rite Temple in Dallas, TX**.

**Upcoming April Events:**

- Saturday, April 1, 2023, **Flora 119's** monthly **Pancake Breakfast** -- 7:30AM -- 9:00AM,
- Tuesday, April 4, 2023, **Stated Meeting, Potluck Meal** at 6:30PM -- Meeting at 7:30PM,
- Thursday, April 6, 2023, **Lodge Practice**, 6:00PM – 7:00PM,
- Thursday, April 13, 2023, **Lodge Practice**, 6:00PM – 7:00PM,
- Thursday, April 20, 2023, **Past Master's Meeting**, 6:30PM – 8:00PM,
- Thursday, April 27, 2023, **Lodge Practice**, 6:00PM – 7:00PM.

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