


Masonic Happenings in The Magnolia State

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In Memoriam

FLOYD TOMAS JONES
GRAND SECRETARY / RECORDER



May 1 1949 ~ November 21, 2019

Tom, as everyone knew him, passed away on November 21, 2019, at Anderson Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family. He was a retired Rush Hospital Nuclear Medicine Technologist.

He was a member of Suqualena Lodge No. 418, having served through all the chairs and becoming a Past Master, he was a 10 year District Deputy Grand Lecturer, Past Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Secretary/Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Mississippi, member of Hamasa Shriners, a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and many other Masonic Bodies. He was Fire Chief of the Suquelena Volunteer Fire Department for many years and very active in his community, getting the nickname of "Mayor of Suqualena".

He was an active member of Suqualena United Methodist Church for several years. He will be greatly missed by his Brethren, but he is in the presence of the Supreme Grand Architect and at peace.

His Grand Lodge Funeral was conducted by PGM and Grand Secretary Emeritus, Fred F. Bean; his Lodge Secretary and Cousin, Gary B. Jones; HPGM and Grand Secretary Emeritus, Micky P. McMahn; and the current Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Jared F. Stanley.



50 Years of York Rite Freemasonry

At the Laurel/Meridian Joint York Rite Festival three Sir Knights and Companions who were all Exalted, Greeted & Knighted at the same Festival were recognized for their 50 Years of Service. Those recognized were Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., PGM, PGHP, PIGM, PGC; Fred F. Bean, PGM, PGHP, PIGM, PGC, and Gordon B. Nanney (not pictured), HPGM, PGHP, PIGM, PGC. The certificates and lapel pins were presented by M. Keith Ballard, IGM, and C. Edward Huckaby, GC. Thank you, Brethren, for your continued service to the Craft!



Laurel/Meridian Joint Fall Festival

— IMPORTANT DATES —

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| January 11: | York Rite College Annual meeting at Jackson York Rite, 1P |
| January 11: | Installation of Hamasa Shrine Officers, 6P |
| January 11: | Joint Installation of Lodge Officers, Evergreen No. 57 / Little Rock No. 573 and Pinckney No. 313 at Little Rock Lodge, 6P |
| January 13: | Installation of Philadelphia Lodge No. 93, 6P |
| January 18: | Heads of Masonic Bodies Honored and Super Excellent Master Degree, Laurel Lodge No. 114, Laurel 10A |
| January 23: | Installation of Meridian York Rite Officers, 7P |
| February 7: | Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master Degrees, Tupelo Lodge No. 318, 6P |
| February 8: | Mountain Men Rendezvous, Soso, 9A |
| February 8: | York Rite Festival - Royal Arch Degree, Royal and Select Master Degrees and Commandery Orders, Tupelo, 8A |