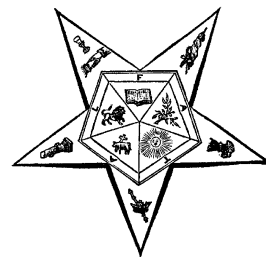




# OAKLAND LODGE 140

## F&AM NEWSLETTER



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Stated Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month unless this is a holiday, then it is the second Wednesday of the month. Meal begins at 6 pm with the meeting beginning at 7 pm. Every meeting has new business as we work to become more active and we continue to welcome new men into the craft, come enjoy in the excitement!

The Grand Lodge communication has been cancelled for this year due to health concerns.

*"Thus he shewed me; and behold the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what sees thou? And I said, a plumb line. Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel. I will not again pass by them anymore." - Amos 7:7-8*

**Note from the Grand Lodge of Indiana**— The Lodge is Open! We currently are still in Stage 4.5 of the Governor's re-opening plan, so social distancing is required. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the August stated meeting!

## Masonic History Part 1

We all know the beginnings of our Masonic history and King Solomon's Temple with Brother Hiram from our search for more light in Masonry though the stories and adventures we were taught during Masonic ceremonies. But where do we see the roots of organized Masonic beginnings for us here today? The Masonic History series will come up on some newsletters as a way to share some of that history and let us be proud of our strong background as F&AM.

### As early as I can start with documented history...

The oldest document that makes reference to Masons is the Regius Poem—A Poem of Moral Duties which was printed in about 1390. The poem manuscript is in rhymed verse and consists of 794 lines. At the head of the poem is written "Hie incipient constituciones artis gemetriae secundum Euclidem." or "Here begins the constitutions of the art of Geometry according to Euclid." (full translation) <https://freemasonry.bcy.ca/texts/regius.html> This poem is an account of a man and the basic story and foundations of F&AM from the time of creation of Masonic craft and the intent/design of Masonic principles.

Moving forward In 1717, four Masonic lodges in London formed the first Grand Lodge of England, and from that point on there is a better recorded history along with a lot of stories of history along the way.

Within 30 years from the creation of the first Grand Lodge of England, the Masonic fraternity had spread through Europe and to the American Colonies. Where we shall continue next time.



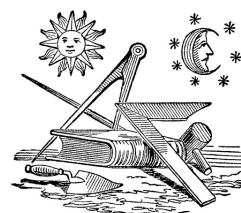
**Rusty Nail Course**—Being worked on, will announce dates soon for all to attend!

**New Fall Drawing being worked on for October!** The inaugural raffle will be for Indian's season tickets and other great Indian's items! Will be finalizing all details asap.

### #140 MASON OF THE MONTH

**Brad Jones**

Thank you brother for all of the hard work and dedication to the lodge!



# August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5—Monthly Stated Meeting <b>*LODGE OPEN*</b>	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13—Online Lodge Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25—Online Lodge Meeting	26	27	28	29
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*If you do not have access to the online meeting links, email Derek Cheek—[dcheek@opentext.com](mailto:dcheek@opentext.com) and you will be added to the meeting invite*

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## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Hello, it is my sincere hope that everyone is safe and healthy. Summer in Indiana is a wonderful time to get out and enjoy the beautiful country God has provided us. The woods and lakes are so relaxing. I have been looking at sunsets whenever I can. The bridge at White River State Park is a great sunset viewing area.

We have had 2 stated meetings, June and July, with many brothers attending. Soon we will be able to resume degree work. We have a couple of candidates in waiting and everyone is eager for them to get started on their path for more light.

Unfortunately, this years Annual Communication has been cancelled. The Grand Lodge officers will stay in their respective stations until next year's Annual Communication which will be held May 18, 2021. Oakland Lodge will be having our elections for 2021 in December as always.

I am looking forward to fall with the hope of our city and country getting back to a somewhat normal situation. My brothers, you are always welcome to visit us or contact any of the officers with comments or concerns. Everyone be safe and healthy.

Fraternally yours,

Jack Shepard WM Oakland #140