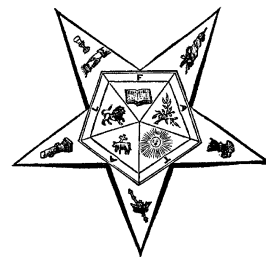




# OAKLAND LODGE 140

## 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 is set for July 14th. Worshipful Masters only for attendance at this event this year.

*"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands."* - **Revelation 7:9**

**Note from the Grand Lodge of Indiana**— The Lodge is Open! We currently are still in Stage 4 of the plan, so social distancing is required. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the July stated meeting! July 4th starts Stage 5 of the Governor's plan which is a full re-opening.

## We meet upon the level

*"Freemasonry teaches not merely temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, brotherly love, relief, and truth, but liberty, equality, and fraternity, and it denounces ignorance, superstition, bigotry, lust tyranny and despotism."* - **Theodore Roosevelt**

The human race is extraordinarily diverse in so many ways. Gender, ethnicity, race, class, religion, nationality, philosophy, lifestyle. The areas in which we differ are endless and that is exactly where the beauty resides. However the civil rights struggle is and has always been something extremely controversial in the United States. For us Freemasons, equality and freedom, according to our bylaws is a non-negotiable topic. It is intrinsically part who we are, it is our very essence! So why do we try to avoid this so important topic? Freemasons have historically fought against racism and inequality and traveled for "foreign countries" embracing every culture, every race and we still are the most diverse fraternity in the world with hundreds of thousands lodges spread all over. We are in every continent of the earth teaching our craft that we are all equals. Freemasons are well known for their tolerance, prudence and understanding during a time when knowledge was considered a privilege of just a few "special and chosen" people, Masons fought and stand for the Enlightenment. So many people have died or have been deprived of basic rights because of a lack of understanding — an understanding that difference in appearance, belief, or way of life does not make one person better than another. - **Illinois Freemasonry Magazine April 4, 2018**

*"Every human being is an image bearer of The Great Architect of the Universe. Therefore, I joyfully extend my love to each and every person regardless of color, culture, ethnicity or religion. As a serious minded freemason I will use the influence entrusted to me to change any structure or system that perpetuates injustice. As a parent I pledge to raise my children and grandchildren with values that lead to a true celebration of diversity. Today I rededicate myself to a lifestyle of radical tolerance and all encompassing inclusion."* -**RW. Bro. Luciano M. Azevedo**



**Lodge of Instruction**— Details to come as soon as they are available


**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

### #140 MASON OF THE MONTH

**Brian Milard**

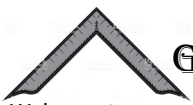
Thank you brother for all of the hard work and dedication to the lodge!

# July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1—Monthly Stated Meeting *LODGE OPEN*	2	3	4 
5	6	7	8	9—Online Lodge Meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21—Online Lodge Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

*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

Welcome to summer. I hope everyone is safe and healthy. June brought back our first Stated Meeting since March, it was great seeing our brothers and we had several side liners. Hopefully many of you will be able to make it to our July meeting on the 1st.

It will be my distinct pleasure to represent Oakland Lodge #140 at the 2020 Grand Lodge Annual Communication on July 14th. Although abbreviated this year, it is always a pleasure to meet fellow Worshipful Masters from around this great state. It is my pleasure serving all the brothers of Oakland Lodge. I am humbled by all the support I receive from the other officers and all my brother friends.

Have a blessed summer and keep cool and healthy.

Fraternally yours,

Jack Shepard WM Oakland #140

## 2020 LODGE TIME CAPSULE

This year in 2020 the Lodge has decided to create a time capsule in commemoration of the new Lodge building and for the history of Oakland Lodge. When the previous lodge was brought down, a time capsule from the building raising was found—and we want to carry this tradition over to future Masons to share the history of our Lodge!

Included in the time capsule are: building dedication day items, Grand Masters declaration of closing letter due to health issues, Officers lists for 2019/2020, Bio of Elmer Blackburn, story of the merging of Mystic Circle and Cumberland lodges, a letter of brotherly love from our current WM and many other historical items.

If you have anything to add, please reach out and share any treasures for future Masonic generations!