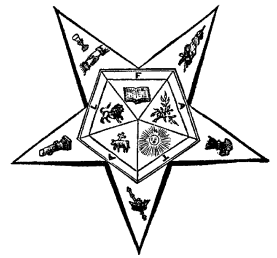




OAKLAND LODGE 140

F&AM NEWSLETTER



"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone ." - Psalm 118:22

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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!

Note from the Grand Lodge of Indiana— Degree work has begun across the state! Looking forward to participation in Degrees for brothers at the Oakland Lodge and others around the state!

Indiana Masonic History

The first Lodge in Indiana was created by residents of Vincennes, Indiana. They sought a dispensation to create the Lodge from Louisville, Kentucky's Abraham Lodge #8 in 1806. One was granted in 1807, but due to the distance, they were not able to constitute the lodge. After a second dispensation was sought in 1808, a lodge was formed on March 13, 1809 and the officers were initiated. Other lodges in the Indiana Territory founded by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky were Madison (1815), Charlestown (1816), Melchizedek in Salem (1817), Pisgah in Corydon, Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, and Vevay (1817). On May 9, 1817, the Grand Lodge of Ohio granted a dispensation for Brookville Harmony Lodge in Brookville, Indiana; this lodge would remain under the Grand Lodge of Ohio for two years following the founding of Indiana's Grand Lodge.

After Indiana attained statehood, it qualified for its own Grand Lodge. While attending the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in September 1817, members of several lodges within the new state agreed to meet in Corydon with representative from all lodges and discuss the viability of forming a Grand Lodge with the State of Indiana. On December 3, 1817, discussion began as to whether a Grand Lodge for Indiana should be formed, 354 days after Indiana gained statehood. Eleven Freemasons from the various lodges in Indiana met in Corydon, and decided to initiate the new Grand Lodge. Amongst these was the first Lieutenant-governor of Indiana, Christopher Harrison. Thus, the Grand Lodge of Indiana was chartered on January 13, 1818, at the presently-named Schofield House, owned by Alexander Lanier, father of James Lanier and a Freemason as well, in Madison, Indiana.



Lodge of Instruction—Dates have been finalized by the Grand Lodge and the Worshipful Master of the Oakland Lodge—November 18th @7pm. It will be opening on the Fellowcraft Degree. We need our brothers in attendance please! This is also a reminder that its time to brush up on ritual work—time to dust off the ritual books and begin to work them again!

Fall Drawing is almost here! The inaugural Lodge raffle will be for Indian's 2021 season tickets and other great Indian's items! Will be finalizing all details asap and will need brothers to sell tickets to make this event a great success.

Christmas Toy Drive and Holiday Food Drive—a committee has been formed to begin work on how the Lodge can become a collection center and have food and toy drives for the local community during November and December. Will communicate more when plans are voted on!

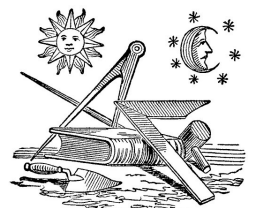
Congratulations to our 2 new brothers that went through their EA confirmation in September! Welcome them into the lodge and on their journey for more

#140 MASON OF THE MONTH


Brad Jones

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

Have a suggestion for the newsletter? Contact Derek Cheek—dcheek@opentext.com—317 695 7704



October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7—Monthly Stated Meeting *LODGE OPEN*	8	9	10
11	12—Columbus Day	13	14	15—Online Committee Meeting	16—Boss's Day	17—Sweetest Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27—Online Committee Meeting	28	29	30	31—Halloween 

If you do not have access to the online meeting links, email Derek Cheek—dcheek@opentext.com and you will be added to the meeting invite

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Hello Everyone,

I am very happy to announce that Oakland Lodge initiated two new members on September 10th. Welcome Brothers Steven Charles Friend and Frank Alan Jackson. We know they will bring lots of joy and fraternal friendship.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Fall Breakfast, but we are still planning one in April. Stay tuned.

As summer turns to fall we are reminded of God's beauty in the changing of the seasons and look forward to his renewal in the spring.

God Bless and be safe.

Fraternally yours,

Jack Shepard WM Oakland #140

On this Date—October 16, 1800

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was established. Which was the first Grand Lodge in the Indiana territories, and led to the first lodges in Indiana!

On this Date—October 11, 1911

Franklin D. Roosevelt (U.S. President 1933-1945) received his 1st degree in Holland Lodge #8, New York City.