

OAKLAND LODGE 140 F&AM

NEWSLETTER



"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore. - Psalms 133

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.

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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.

This month for dinner we will have pulled pork sandwiches, chips, cole-slaw and home-made deserts! Hope to have everyone there to break bread with the brothers!

A big thank you to our Junior Warden for calling the craft from labor to refreshment for each of these lodge meetings!

On this day September 18, 1793— The cornerstone of the US Capitol building in Washington DC was laid in an elaborate, formal Masonic ceremony with George Washington playing a key role while dressed in Masonic regalia.

The Lodge of our Brothers

Why did I become a mason? Well it's been in my family for centuries. My Grandfather and Uncle were master masons, my father-in-law is a PM Master Mason and I always felt the need to become one, however with family constraints and such I was a late bloomer and was in my 40's before I became a mason. I have very few regrets in life but I do regret the fact of not joining this great fraternity of men earlier in life. I am now a master mason pursuing more light with some of the greatest men I have ever been with who are like minded and always on the square. I have worked in the fire service and law enforcement for years and even though there is a great bond between these men/women, it does not compare to Masonry by any stretch. I look forward to meeting and sharing bread with my brothers every month and for those months I miss due to work or a family event, I feel like I really missed something that month. It's like missing church on Sunday, there is a small void that needs to be filled.—Brian Millard

I became a Mason along side of my son Benjamin. I had been in DeMolay as a teenager, but I didn't join the Lodge until my son expressed interest in joining. We received our degrees together, and became officers of the Lodge together. This experience has made our relationship stronger. I believe Masonry helps strengthen a man morally, spiritually, and overall. Masonry has strengthened my faith and convictions, through participation in ritual work and study of the Bible. By participating in the Lodge and the rituals, my ability to comfortably speak before a group has also been strengthened.— Earl Jacobs

A part of what is important to me is heritage. I am the 5th generation to become a Master Mason of which 3 of the generations are Past Masters (which includes myself) and the other two held appointed offices for years. I am also a Life Member of DeMolay and Knights Templar.—Brian Hooten

Something simple that I appreciate is that there are no politics in the lodge or lodge decisions! - Ken Sullivan

GREAT NEWS! The Grand Lodge of Indiana has announced that Lodges will be allowed to start degree work on Sept 1. There are many items that need to be reviewed by the Lodge and the members putting on the degrees, and anyone that comes to watch or have minor roles will have to meet Grand Lodge and CDC guidelines for gatherings. Will discuss this more and am sure there will be plenty of questions at the monthly meeting. Looking forward to starting our two candidates in waiting on their EA journey!



Lodge of Instruction—Dates are being finalized for this years event, will include the dates when they have been finalized by the Grand Lodge and the Worshipful Master of the Oakland Lodge. 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 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!

#140 MASON OF THE MONTH Brian Millard

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

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

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ANNUAL LODGE FALL BREAKFAST

We know that this is an annual Lodge tradition, and one that many of us look forward do in the lodge, but due to circumstances we just cannot seem to find a way that will make this event happen in a manner that is safe and enjoyable for everyone.

This is still a fundraising even that is critical to the Lodge and work that we do as F&AM in our community, so we are asking that everyone please donate to the Lodge so we can continue our work! Included in this newsletter is an envelope that you can use to return this form (see the back) to the Lodge with any funds that you can spare to help assist with our fundraising endeavors. We promise to be back to hosting the annual breakfast and other events just as soon as we feel it can be done safely for both the Lodge and the community.

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2—Monthly Stated Meeting Dinner @6, Meeting @7	3	4	5—International Day of Charity
6	7 HAPPY LABOR DAY	8	9	10 — online committee meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17—Constitution Day	18	19
20	21	22 — online committee meeting First day of FALL	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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

Good day brothers and sisters,

Summer is halfway over. My wish is that everybody has had a safe and happy time. Things are looking up. We have had stated meetings and voted in new members as well as transfers.

I am looking forward to an even better future. We are hoping to start degree work soon.

Feel free to contact me with any thoughts or concerns.

God Bless and be safe.

Fraternally yours,

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Jack Shepard WM Oakland #140

IN REMEMBERANCE

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also." - John 14:2-3

On the 13th of August, Brother Dale Glen Irwin, a 50 year member of the Oakland Lodge passed away.

He lived in Southern Indiana with his family and his funeral will be held there. There will not be a Masonic service per his wife.

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