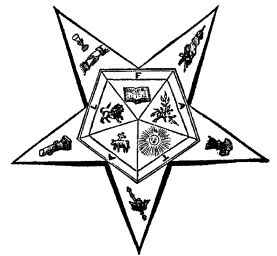




OAKLAND LODGE 140

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"Be patient then brothers and sisters until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. " - James 5:7

Craft Club has started up—every Wednesday @ 6:30pm. Contact Brother Earl with any questions!

Usual (but true) Masonic Stories

2020 LODGE OFFICERS

WM - Skip Donnell

SW - Joey Cline

JW - Ken Whitcomb

TREASURER - Ancle Jones

SECRETARY - Brian Hooten

SD - Doug Bondy

JD - Derek Cheek

SS - Wayne McCullough

TYLER Wayne Moody

CHAPLAIN - W. Russel Taylor II

LODGE HOTLINE 317-823-0003

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 (Looking forward to this month's hot dinner!). 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!

Why President McKinley Became a Mason

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happened to become a Mason he explained: "After the Battle of Opequame, I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook the hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:

"Did you know these men or ever see them before?"

"No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before."

"But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?"

"Well," said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

"I said to myself, If that is Freemasonry I will take some of it for myself."

A Full Masonic Name

Hiram Abiff Boaz was born on December 18, 1866, at Murray, Kentucky. He moved to Texas at an early age. In 1891 he was ordained a Methodist minister. In 1922 he was elected a Bishop of the church. He became a member of Granger Lodge No. 677 of Texas. When he received his third degree, a large attendance because of the unusual name of the new member. He served as Grand Chaplain of Texas on 1953.

This brother had many interesting experiences connected with his name. He never tired of telling of the time he was traveling in the Holy Land and arrived at a Mosque in Hebron on the wrong day for visitors. When he told then his name was Boaz, it seemed as if he had given a magic password. Others were not admitted that day, but they opened the gates for him.

Lodge in 2 Countries

At one time Golden Rule Lodge No. 5 of Stanstead, Canada, occupied a lodge room which was bisected by the boundary between Canada and the United States. It had entrances from the Vermont and Canadian sides; the membership of the lodge consisted of men from both sides of the border.



Two great events this month, see sections in the newsletter for more information on the Christmas Coin fundraiser with the Lawrence FD and the take-away BBQ dinner this month!

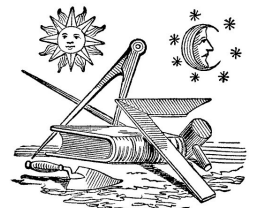
The BBQ dinner fundraiser will be on March 26th in the evening. Several brothers will be working on a full dinner for 4 throughout the day as a take-away service that evening, to be served out of the lodge. Pre-orders and pre-pay are preferred, see the lodge Facebook page or contact Derek Cheek for more details!

March 9, 1822 a national Masonic Congress was held in Washington DC in the US Capitol building.

#140 MASON OF THE MONTH

Dan Gates—75 year member!

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



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

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3—Monthly Stated Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14—Daylight Savings Stary	15	16	17—St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26—BBQ Dinner Fundraiser Day	27
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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

This months greetings from the East will be slightly different as we introduce the Lodge's Christmas Coin Fundraiser with the Lawrence FD, with all proceeds going to the Lawrence FD Children's Christmas fund. This is being organized by our Worshipful Master Skip Donnell — so greetings from the East for March with a great fundraising event that will last the entire year!

This year the Oakland Lodge #140 is doing a Christmas coin that honors Freemasons and the Fire Department with a commemorative coin that will be updated every year with new artwork.

This year is an introduction year for Christmas 2021 and we hope to make this an amazing fundraiser for years to come with the Fire Dept. and their good work for children and families in need in the Lawrence area.



You can order one of these amazing collectible coins by contacting WM Skip Donnell or purchasing through the Paypal link on the Oakland Lodge website with an email asking for a coin. Or feel free to come to any stated meeting to get your very own in person!