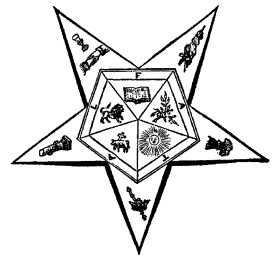




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"Now Hiram King of Tyre sent messengers to David with cedar trees, masons and carpenters — to build a house for him. " - 1 Chronicles 14:1

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

2021 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

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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 (Looking forward to this months 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!

The Freemason and Temperance

In the beginner of your Masonic journey as an EA you encountered many lessons regarding conduct and responsibilities as a Freemason. Along with the secrets of the Craft, are outlined several moral guideposts to direct you toward a better and more inspiring life. In particular the direction is with the four Cardinal Virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. These virtues are considered to be the natural virtues found within the nature of man, while the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity are found within the scope of the Great Architect— His nature and his relationship with man and the universe. Its proper then that any new candidate recognize that his first task is to focus on the first Cardinal Virtue in his nature, namely that of temperance

The word "temperance" has acquired an unfortunate connotation in modern times. It is frequently associated with the movement to eliminate the use of alcoholic beverages. But the word has a much broader meaning. The Masonic definition of Temperance may be stated briefly as follows: Temperance is that due restraint upon our affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice. Every Mason is then told that Temperance should be the constant practice of every Mason, as he is taught to avoid excess in all things, such as contracting any licentious or vicious habit, the indulgence of which might lead him to- suffer, or to lose his health, or cause him to lose his reputation.

In a general sense it means that one must exercise a degree of self-restraint and self control at all times, in all the activities of life, including both words and deeds. The key idea is "moderation in all things." The idea is well illustrated in the old statement: "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." It does not mean abstinence except in matters which are inherently bad or harmful.

The word "temperance" comes to us from the Latin, which means to temper or harden according to the use intended. As a consequence, we must recognize that there cannot be hard and fast rules in this subject. Each person must decide for himself how much restraint and self-control must be exercised in a particular situation. For example, I like to eat apple pie; one small piece is adequate to satisfy my desire after a hearty meal. My neighbor might not eat as hearty a meal, but might desire a larger piece of apple pie. Both of us by the exercise of self-control and by being temperate refrain from having a second helping.

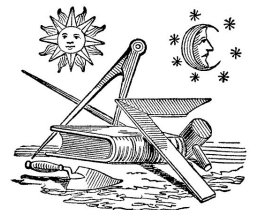
There was a time when smoking cigarettes was considered just a bad habit. During this period the temperate use of cigarettes meant that one should smoke only a moderate number each day. Recent research has indicated that smoking cigarettes is closely connected with the development of cancer. Freemasonry takes no specific position in the matter of whether its members should smoke or not smoke; each member is taught to make his own decision. If he believes that smoking is bad because it is likely to bring on cancer, he should abstain from smoking. If he is in doubt, he should at least be moderate in responding to his desire for a smoke, thus reducing the hazard. Temperance also requires him to abstain from smoking in the presence of those who find it distasteful or harmful.

On May 18, 1959—President Harry S. Truman (US President 1945-1953) received his 50 year Masonic award.

#140 MASON OF THE MONTH

Frank Jackson

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



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

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1—BBQ Fund-raiser 3-5
2	3	4	5—Monthly Stated Meeting	6	7	8—VE Day WWII OES Meeting
9—Mothers Day	10	11	12—Craft Club	13	14	15
16	17	18	19—Craft Club	20	21	22
23	24	25	26—Craft Club	27	28	29—Lodge Open House
30	31—Memorial Day					

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

There appears to be a resurgence of energy taking hold in our Lodge. We are coming together not just to address business needs, but for fellowship and laughter as well. We are finding ways to enhance our recognition in our community while at the same time looking for opportunities where we can give back. To move forward, we need drive more community involvement – which will include activities that involve the entire family. If you have not been to Lodge for a while, I ask that you come back to see firsthand what we are doing. Hope to see you soon!!

Skip Donnell—WM Oakland #140

May 29, 2021—Lodge Raffle Fundraiser and Lodge Open House

One time a year the lodge is allowed to do a raffle, and the Oakland Lodge's is upon you! This year we are raffling off 260 rounds of .223, 250 rounds of 9mm, 100 rounds of 22LR, 25 rounds of 12g and an ammo can. All brass name brand rounds and steel shot for the shotgun. The drawing is for the whole lot—and has a huge estimated worth value! \$20 gets you 5 tickets for this big event! Looking forward for the drawing on that Saturday—best of luck!

During the day on Saturday leading up to the drawing, the Lodge will have an open house which is open to the community. Look online for more information and events for the day!

Look for more information on these and other Lodge events on the Oakland Lodge website!