

ORANGE BLOSSOM LODGE NO. 80



February 2022 Trestleboard

To be distributed to members of Orange Blossom Lodge No. 80 and officers of the 16th Masonic District.

From the East

Greetings, my Brothers.

First of all, I hope everyone is in good health when you receive this trestleboard. Thanks for everyone that attended the installation in January. We had a full house! Everyone had a good time and we are all energized to work this year for you.

February starts with the letter F. You know what also starts with that letter? The Fair! The time has come to put collective work into this important fundraiser. By now, you are all familiar with the new signup process. The initial phase is to let us know the days and times you are available. In a week or so, we will compile a schedule based on your availability. You will be assigned regular and standby shifts. On the regular shifts, you will be actively working on the position assigned. Standby shifts are for in case someone cannot make it to his or her regular shift, a change of schedule or the need for more workers. A shift coordinator will be in contact with you on those days that you are assigned for either type of shift. We will be ready to answer all of your questions at our stated meeting on Monday, the 7th. I really hope that this management style will improve our overall experience of working at the Fair for years to come.

On February 7th will be the second official visit of the DDGM of our Masonic District, RW Eric Romano. Let's have a great show of support.

If you have any questions or feedback about the way we are doing, please don't forget to go to our feedback form on our website and drop us a line. The link to the feedback form is:

<https://www.obl80.org/our-lodge/feedback/>.



Sincerely and fraternally,

Manny Lozada
Worshipful Master

From the West

My Brothers,

Most likely, when you read this post, we will be making our plans for the fair. Many people will focus on how your assistance helps the lodge, and it does. But I want to focus on another perspective, what it does for you. For example:

- Many of the brothers of our lodge cannot make lodge meetings, but they always work the fair. This is your opportunity to get to know them and be brothers.
- Ask any war veteran about their experience in the theatre and they will always talk about their brothers in arms. You see, it is in tough times that bonds are strengthened.
- This is your opportunity to meet people that may be interested in becoming a Freemason, but they haven't ever seen someone that they could talk to. This is your opportunity to engage the community and talk about our craft.
- This is a way to give back to our community. When people ask you what service our lodge participates in, this will give you something to talk about.
- You will meet an enormous amount of people and any one of them could be your next brother, sister, associate, etc.



You see, I also want you to work the fair but maybe for reasons you didn't expect. I want you to work the fair because I care about YOU and I want YOU to experience the blessings I've received as a result of my involvement.

Lastly, not everyone can participate in the fair, we should all understand that with an extension of grace.

I hope to see you there!

In Brotherly Love,

-Sam
Senior Warden

Masonic Education Column

The shovel, setting maul, coffin, and sprig of acacia

The shovel, setting maul, coffin, and sprig of acacia are reminders that death comes to all men, and Freemasonry was born at a time when men lived shorter lives. The threat of an early death was more

February Birthdays

Tommy Brock
John Roberson III
Michael Crenshaw
Russell Denamh
Hipolito Perez
Ulysses Chapman Jr

prevalent than it is today. Medical care was more luck than science. Families were larger, yet the infant mortality rate was much higher. Childhood diseases as well as adult illnesses were far deadlier than in our own time, and entire families were wiped out by epidemics or wars. As a result, images of death were common and perhaps not so shocking or bizarre as they are for us today. Death is a fact of life, and it's ultimately more ominous than the birds and the bees. In some lodges these symbols are accompanied by a skull and crossbones. We tend to associate skulls and crossbones with pirate movies, Nazi SS uniforms, and rat-poison boxes, but a little over a century ago they were common reminders of the fragility of life itself.

Origins: The skull in alchemy was called caput mortuum, the worthless residue of death, and is a symbol of decline and decay. The alchemists of the Middle Ages sought the secret of transmuting, or turning ordinary metal into gold or silver. The first part of the process was called putrefaction, when the base metal was heated and decomposed into air, water, and earth. Alchemists called this the Great Work — the transformation of common, base metal into gold. Likewise, the transformation of a base, common man into a Master Mason is a similar transformation and the great work of the Masonic lodge.

Like the scythe, the symbols of the grave remind Masons that we shall eventually die and turn to dust. The hearty acacia plant, which thrives in the Holy Land, can often seem to spring back to life from little more than a dead branch, and it reminds us of the hope for immortality that unites all religions.

Hodapp, Christopher. Freemasons For Dummies . Wiley. Kindle Edition.

John Sloat
Edward Smallwood
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Happy Birthday Brothers!

Petitions | Mentor's Report

Petitioners

Mr. Myfedgy Fanord
Mr. Jean Paul Destine
Mr. Dieurinel Francois
Mr. Curtis Smith
Mr. Reinaldo Rodriguez-Ghigliotty

New Member
Jesus Rodriguez

Entered Apprentices
Learning Catechism:
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Orange Blossom Lodge No. 80 Past Masters

1885	Joseph L. Nicholson	1920	J. Earle Lupfer	1955	James A. Cambell	1990	David MacNab
1886	Joseph L. Nicholson	1921	Howard M. Katz	1956	James A. Cambell	1991	Elwood J. Davis
1887	John W. Harwell	1922	William J. Steed	1957	Michael J. Stanko	1992	Paul L. Forbes
1888	John M. Bryan	1923	Samuel L. Lupfer, Jr.	1958	Lewis S. Hirtzel	1993	Richard T. Fyfe
1889	John W. Harwell	1924	John L. Overstreet	1959	Kenneth C. Smith	1994	Mark Lamb
1890	John W. Harwell	1925	George T. Sigler	1960	Charles P. Dixon	1995	James W. Fisher
1891	Charles E. Franklin	1926	John N. Bryan	1961	Thomas E. Lee	1996	George E. Metcalfe
1892	John M. Lee	1927	George T. Sigler	1962	R. Coy Conrand	1997	George T. Sullivan
1893	John W. Harwell	1928	Robert E. Griffin	1963	Stanley W. Anthony	1998	Tony Stipich
1894	John M. Bryan	1929	Elmer J. Fehr	1964	Ralph T. Miller	1999	Vince Barnes
1895	John M. Lee	1930	F. Byron Ames	1965	J.C. Clemons	2000	James W. Davis
1896	S.R. Bassett	1931	Lawerence W. Rogers	1966	Fred E. Ward	2001	John T. Roberson III
1897	John M. Bryan	1932	William E. Hansell	1967	Henry Szankiewicz	2002	Richard A. Overbee, Jr.
1898	Charles E. Franklin	1933	J. Frank Robinson	1968	John L. Summers	2003	Robert Cunningham
1899	Charles E. Franklin	1934	B.L. Johnson	1969	Harry J. Altemus	2004	Walter J. "Mack" McDowell
1900	J.V. Curry	1935	Floyd M. Urick	1970	Victor G. Wendt	2005	Johnny Brock
1901	John M. Lee	1936	Charles N. Phillips	1971	Jeffords D. Miller	2006	William L. "Bill" Horne
1902	F.G. Railey	1937	Arthur F. Crosby	1972	Carl E. Teel	2007	Richard A. Overbee, Jr.
1903	F.G. Railey	1938	K. Norman White	1973	George M. Young	2008	Brian M. Shaw
1904	Moses Katz	1939	K. Norman White	1974	Truman Fugate	2009	James W. Davis
1905	Moses Katz	1940	Ira H. Wetherbee	1975	Eugene W. Nalley	2010	Mitch Lokken
1906	Henry N. Bratton	1941	Murray W. Overstreet	1976	Frank Cochrane III	2011	Rob Gunecko
1907	James M. Willson, Jr.	1942	Edward C. Grissom	1977	James R. Stephen	2012	Kevin Gowen
1908	Roma Thomas	1943	Lindsey M. Stevens	1978	Thomas F. Clark	2013	John LaRocka
1909	James W. Prentis	1944	George W. McGowan	1979	James S. Perritt	2014	Gregory Waldron
1910	John M. Hansell	1945	Edward C. Jones	1980	Mack McClain	2015	Eric Román
1911	Samuel L. Lupfer	1946	C.E. Roberts	1981	William J. Fisher	2016	Richard González
1912	Charles W. Damn	1947	Carl W. Ridel	1981	Melvin H. Wills, Jr.	2017	José L. Cintrón (Jason)
1913	Roma Thomas	1948	Harry K. Jowers	1983	Mark K. Rogers	2018	Robert Vázquez
1914	W. Woodfin Carson	1949	Horace B. Allen	1984	David W. Paulk	2019	Raymond Sánchez
1915	Nathan C. Ryan	1950	Lloyd Rolls	1985	Carl E. Teel	2020	Christopher Davis
1916	W. Woodfin Carson	1951	Russel S. Thacker	1986	J.P. Hughes	2021	Marlon González
1917	F. Conrad Bryan	1952	Stanley T. Hodala	1987	Dale D. Lewis		
1918	William B. Crawford	1953	Aldus M. Cody	1988	B. Craig Lynch		
1919	Thomas J. Woodall	1954	Addison L. Bodiford	1989	Henry Bundy		



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