

**FLORA LODGE #119 A.F & A.M.**  
**August 2022 NEWSLETTER**  
**Stated Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M.**  
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Looking West...

Masonic Moments from Past Novembers:

On Nov. 3, 1793, Bro. Stephen Fuller Austin was born in Wythe County, VA. He was a principal founder of the state of Texas. The capital, Austin, was named after Bro. Austin. He lost a campaign for the presidency of the Republic of Texas to Bro. Sam Houston in 1836. Bro. Austin died while serving as Texas Secretary of State at Austin, TX on December 27, 1836. Bro. Austin was initiated into Louisiana Lodge 109 at St. Genevieve, MO, in 1815.

On Nov. 4, 1879, Will Rogers was born to Clement Vann Rogers and his Cherokee wife, Mary, in Claremore, OK. The last of the couple's eight children, Bro. Rogers was seven years old when he became No.11384 on the authenticated rolls of the Cherokee Nation. He petitioned Claremont Lodge 53 and received the degrees on February 18, 1905, March 10 and 13, 1906. On April 16, 1908 he received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of McAlester. Bro. Rogers died in a plane crash near Point Barrow, AK on Aug. 15, 1935.

On Nov. 14, 1957, Bro. Audie Murphy received his 32nd Degree in Dallas, TX. The following day, he joined the Shriners in Hella Temple, Dallas Texas. Bro. Murphy was born in Kingston, TX on June 20, 1925. He died in a plane crash near Roanoke, VA on May 28, 1971. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

November Events of Interest:

- Prior to our November 1<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting, we will have a **special Thanksgiving meal**. This will be a **joint OES, Chapter 695/Flora Lodge family event**. OES will furnish a ham; and **Bro. J.W. Williams** has graciously volunteered to

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smoke two (2) Butterball turkeys for us.

**AGAIN, THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT!** So, please plan to attend and bring a Thanksgiving related side – salads, veggies, breads and desserts. Let's make this an annual event!

- Friday, November 11 is Veteran's Day. So, we will have a short program during our November 1<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting to commemorate those who have served as well as those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our Democratic Republic. The program will be presented by Bro. Standlee Spencer.
- R.W. William R. Jacobs, D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 11, will make his second official visit to Flora Lodge No. 119 during our Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting. R.W. Jacobs will present an important message from M.W. Brad R. Billings, Grand Master of the G.L.O.T.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, Stated Meeting, Special Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:30PM -- Meeting at 7:30PM,

Saturday, November 5, 2022, Flora 119's monthly Pancake Breakfast -- 7:30AM to 9:00AM,

Monday, November 7, 2022, a Brother will turn in Part 1 of his EA Trial Lecture,

Thursday, November 17, 2022, A Master Mason's degree will be conferred on a worthy Brother.

Finally, please keep our sick and distressed members, their family and friends, in your thoughts and prayers.