

**FLORA LODGE #119 A.F & A.M.**  
**May 2023 NEWSLETTER**  
**Stated Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. Meal 6:30 P.M**  
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Looking West:

**May Historical Masonic Events of Interest:**

**May 6, 1850 – Grand Lodge of California** was established in **Sacramento, CA,**

**May 11, 1865 – Grand Lodge of West Virginia** was founded,

**May 17, 1921 – High Twelve** founded, **Sioux City, Iowa,**

**May 20, 1989 – Grand Lodge of Hawaii** founded,

**May 31, 1801 – Ordo ab Chao, Founding of The Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA**

**April Events of Interest:**

Sadly, **Flora Lodge No. 119** lost one of its most beloved and honored members with the passing of **Bro. James Alfred Krodel**. **Bro. Krodel** laid his working tools down for the last time on **April 10, 2023**. **Bro. Krodel** was a loving husband, a devoted father, a proud Marine and an honorable Master Mason. Funeral services were held for **Bro. Krodel** at the **First Baptist Church of Quitman, TX** on **Monday, April 10, 2023**. His remains were then transported to **Dallas** where he was laid to rest at **Restland Cemetery** with full military honors. Please keep **Bro. Krodel's** wife, **Mary**, his son, **John** as well as the remainder of his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

A **Past Master's** meeting was held at **Flora Lodge No. 119** facilities on **Thursday, April 20, 2023**. The meeting was well attended by members of **Flora Lodge** as well members from surrounding districts. We were honored to have **R.W. Billy Jones, D.D.G.M. of District**

**No. 11, and R.W. Buck Rice, D.D.G.M. of District No. 12** among those present. During the meeting, the significance and meaning of being a Master and Past Master, the biographies of two historical Past Grand Masters and the symbolism of the Past Master's emblem were discussed.

**Upcoming May Events:**

- Tuesday, May 2, 2023, **Stated Meeting, Potluck Meal** at 6:30PM -- Meeting at 7:30PM,
- Thursday, May 4, 2023, **Lodge Practice**, 6:00PM – 7:00PM,
- Saturday, May 6, 2023, **Flora 119's** monthly **Pancake Breakfast** -- 7:30AM -- 9:00AM,
- Thursday, May 11, 2023, **Master Mason's Proficiency**, 6:00PM – 7:00PM,
- Thursday, May 18, 2023, **Lodge Practice**- 6:00PM – 7:00PM,
- Thursday, May 25, 2023, **Lodge Practice**, 6:00PM – 7:00PM.

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