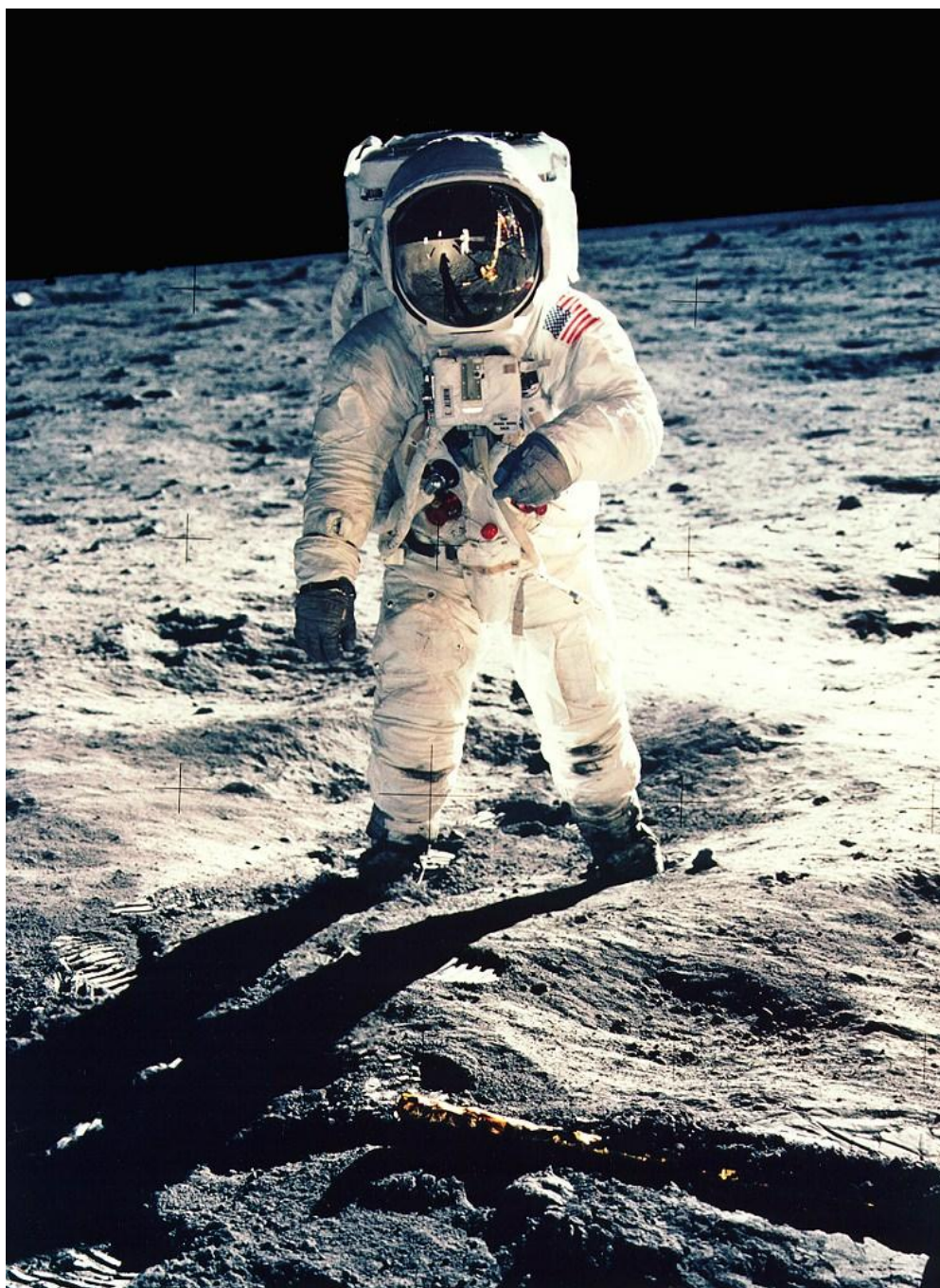




Famous Names Astronauts

Mason on the Moon



Tranquility Lodge History
TRANQUILITY LODGE 2000



CHARTERED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS, A.F. & A.M.
Truth, Relief and Brotherly Love
On an Interplanetary Scale

The Story of Tranquility Lodge No. 2000

On 20 July 1969, two American Astronauts landed on the moon of the planet Earth, in an area known as Mare Tranquillitatis, or "Sea of Tranquility". One of those brave men was Brother Edwin Eugene (Buzz) Aldrin, Jr., a member of Clear Lake Lodge No. 1417, AF&AM, Seabrook, Texas. Brother Aldrin carried with him SPECIAL DEPUTATION of then Grand Master J. Guy Smith, constituting and appointing Brother Aldrin as Special Deputy of the Grand Master, granting unto him full power in the premises to represent the Grand Master as such and authorize him to claim Masonic Territorial Jurisdiction for The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, on The Moon, and directed that he make due return of his acts. Brother Aldrin certified that the SPECIAL DEPUTATION was carried by him to the Moon on July 20, 1969.

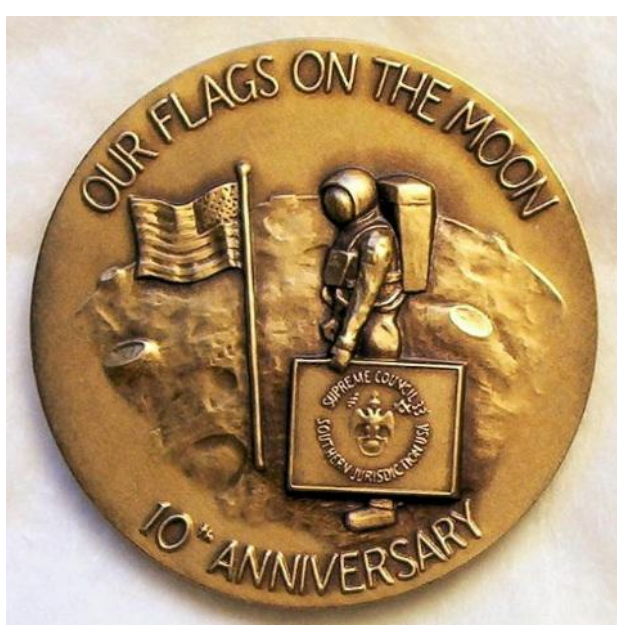
To commemorate this historic event, and to further solidify and establish Texas Freemasonry on the Moon, it is proposed that a charter be issued to a new Lodge, to be known as Tranquility Lodge No. 2000, and that authorization for such new Lodge and its purposes be granted by the [addition of Article 201a](#), to read as follows:

What is Tranquility Lodge 2000?

Tranquility Lodge 2000 was Chartered by The Grand Lodge of Texas for the purpose of promoting, encouraging, conducting and fostering the principles of Freemasonry, and to assist in promoting the health, welfare, education and patriotism of children worldwide.

The Grand Lodge of Texas is the first Grand Lodge to have a Member step onto the Moon, Brother Buzz Aldrin, in 1969. Through this event, The Grand Lodge of Texas has Chartered Tranquility Lodge 2000 for the purpose providing Fraternal Assistance to Masonic Organizations and other worthy organizations who help make life better for all living on Earth.

Tranquility Lodge 2000 is based in Texas under auspices of The Grand Lodge of Texas until such time as the Lodge may hold its meetings on the Moon. Our meetings are held quarterly at various cities in Texas, with the annual meeting being held in Waco each July.



According to the Masonic Service Association, one of the most frequently asked questions is:

Which Astronauts Are Masons?

Answer:

- Edwin E. Aldrin
Montclair #144, Montclair, NJ
- Leroy Gordon Cooper
Carbondale #82 Carbondale, CO
- Don F. Eisele
L.B. Turner #732 Columbus, OH
- Virgil I. Grissom (Deceased)
Mitchell #228, Mitchell, IN

- Wally M. Schirra
Canaveral #339 Cocoa Beach, FL
- Thomas P. Stafford
Western Star #138 Weatherford, OK

- Edgar D. Michell*
Artesia #28 Artesia, NM

- Paul J. Weitz
Lawrence #708 Erie, PA

- James B. Irwin
Tajon Lodge No. 104 Colorado Springs, Co



Astronauts Who Have Fathers Who Are Or Were Masons

Alan Shepard

Vance Brand*

John Glenn*

Anthony England

William Pogue

Neil Armstrong

Edgar Mitchell

* Former DeMolay

Source: "Masonic Astronauts,"
Dunn's Rock Masonic Lodge #267
A.F. & A. M., Brevard, North
Carolina.



This is flag that Brother Mason Buzz Aldrin unfurled on the Moon on July 21, 1969, when he stated "our flags" were being planted on the lunar surface.

July 21, 1961 –

Mercury program: Mercury-Redstone 4 Mission – Gus Grissom piloting Liberty Bell 7 becomes the second American to go into space (in a suborbital mission).

Grissom was scheduled to be the first man to walk on the Moon. Instead, Grissom was killed January 27, 1967, along with fellow astronauts Ed White and Roger Chaffee during a training exercise and pre-launch test for the Apollo 1 mission at the Kennedy Space Centre.

Grissom was born in Mitchell, Indiana. Grissom was a Master Mason and member of Mitchell Lodge 228.

July 21, 1969 –

Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin become the first **men** to walk on the Moon, during the Apollo 11 mission.

Buzz Aldrin is a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Masonic Knight Templar, and a Shriner.

Buzz flew the Supreme Council's flag on the moon. That flag is now on display in the Masonic Museum of the Supreme Council Scottish Rite Temple in Washington, D.C.

