

Master Workmen of Laredo Lodge

(Ancient Order of United Workmen)

The Ancient Order of United Workmen was founded by October 27, 1868, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of providing the working class with greater privileges and opportunities that were available in the usual trade unions. The founder, John Jordan Upchurch, a railroad master mechanic, gathered 14 men, workers in local railroad shops, and formed the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Upchurch convinced his friends to combine the elements of existing fraternal orders and insurance companies. In 1900, M. Brennan, L. Daiches, C.A. McLane were officers of the A.O.U.W. in Laredo, and the organization met at the Knights of Pythias hall the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month.

