

MASONIC ASTRONAUTS.



The first Gemini flight was in **Gemini 3** on March 23rd 1965 manned by **Brother Virgil Grisson** and John Young.

Grisson had to change the capsule's orbit three times, the first occasion on which a manned craft had altered course.

The next flight was in **Gemini 4** on June 3rd 1965 by James McDivitt and Ed White who became the first American to take a space walk. In charge of operations at Command Base was **Brother Lt. Col. Virgil Grisson**.

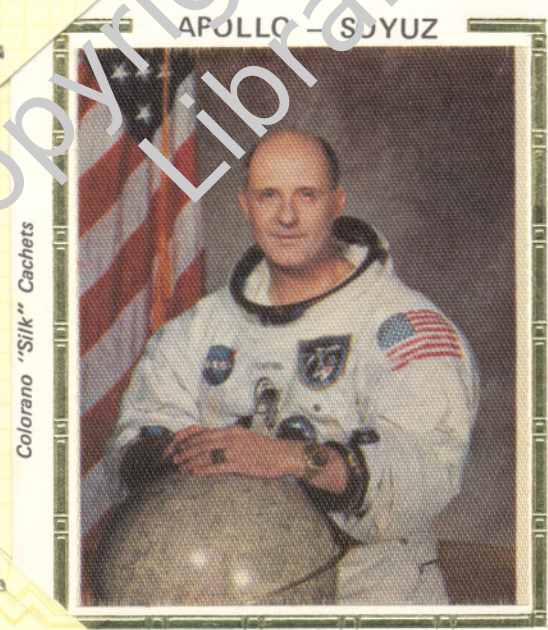


In **Gemini 5** on August 21st 1965 Charles Conrad and **Brother Gordon Cooper** made 120 earth orbits in 8 days.



On December 4th 1965 Frank Borman and James Lovell took off in **Gemini 7** and on December 15th **Brothers Walter Schirra and Thomas Stafford** took off in **Gemini 6** and these two craft made the first ever rendezvous in space.

BROTHER STAFFORD WAS INITIATED INTO WESTERN STAR LODGE NO 138 OKLAHOMA ON JULY 4TH 1952 HAVING RECEIVED A SPECIAL DISPENSATION FROM THE ARMY FOR THIS PURPOSE.



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U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Thomas P. Stafford—Member of Western Star Lodge No. 138, Weatherford, Okla. Stafford flew the Gemini 6,7,9 and Apollo 10 missions. The natural choice as U.S. Commander of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project.

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