

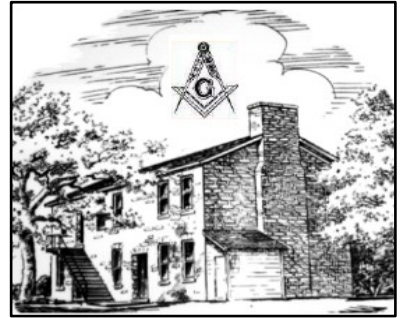
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April 2021

Lodge Officers 2020 - 2021

WM: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 SW: **Orlando Perez**
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 Treas: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 Sec: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
 Chap: **William L. Lewis, PM**
 SD: **Abram R. Wallace**
 JD: **Jeromy W. Odom**
 SS: **Bobby D. Clakley**
 JS: **Franklin "Ed" Merica**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
 MC: **Ben B. Rauschke, PM**
 Mus: **Wilfredo "JR" Vera**
 Tiler: **Anthoney T. Farmer-Guerra**

Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

1969- Tommie J. Conner
 1970- Ralph L. Cearley
 1974- Jimmy M. Hodges
 1977- Roy L. Hamor
 1978- Bobby J. Doherty
 1980- Ronald B. Norwood
 1981- Howard D. Hall
 1982- Alan L. Karotkin
 1984- Matias H. Ruiz
 1987- Elliott R. Wilson
 1988- Jerry T. Jarmon
 1991- Ronnie H. Lee
 1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff
 1994- Walter H. Argall
 1995- Javier R. Gonzalez
 1996- Kenneth P. Wood
 1997- William S. Lear
 1998- John W. Turner
 2000- Walter E. Sanders

Living Affiliated Past Masters

J. Roland Brown
 Gerald T. Dawson
 Allen W. Deaver
 Carlton L. Edwards
 Robert Eschenburg
 Elbert I. Franks
 Reagan W. Hammett
 Bennie L. Hudson
 Howard Kimball
 James M. King
 Don R. Long
 Wes Mersiovsky
 Jorge A. Millan
 Ernest Owey
 Troy J. Shugart
 James C. Wells



Onion Creek No. 220 A.F. & A.M. South Austin, Texas



April Birthdays

Jack H. Broome, Luis M. Ramirez 1; John C. Preece, Andrew W. James 2; Wilbert H. Else, Marion P. Kerr 4; Gerald C. Carruth, William L. Hatten, David "Tide" Williams 8; Bennie L. Hudson, Franklin E. Merica III 9; Joe D. Beaver, Jerry F. Trammell 10; Hamilton B. Carter 11; William W. Winnie III 13; Lawrence I. Falk 14; James K. Miller 15; Gerald L. Curry, Jesus P. Velazquez 16; Brett M. Chandler-Finch 17; Benjamin B. Rauschke 18; James W. Dobbs 20; Antonio F. Moreno 22; James E. Meeks III 24; Frank C. Hankins, Thomas R. Mayfield 26; Charles L. Allen 27.

Masonic Birthdays; raised in April (year)

L.A. Westling, Donald W. Dickerson 57; Forest M. Cruse, Sr. 59; Raymond D. Hannah, Ladare V. Benoit 62; Ernest C. Applegate 64; Rodney H. Lewis, Donn C. Winner 65; Wayne E. Moore 66; George W. Henry 71, David J. Faria 78; Daniel P. Vasquez 80; James W. Fouts 86; David C. Kestner 87; Javier R. Gonzalez, Robert F. Simo 88; William S. Lear, Orlin G. Williams 92; Joe A. Pickering 96; Robert L. Roda 98; Thomas S. Estes 03; Omar Chavez 07; Christopher R. Dawson 10; Larry L. Haney, Patrick L. Williams 12.

*And God said, "Let there be light,"
 and there was light!*

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
April 1st, 2021

Master Mason's Lodge
10 Person Limit

No Meal Served
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

Activities:	<u>Chris Dawson, PM</u>
Arbitration:	<u>Orlando Perez</u>
Audit:	<u>Richard Alonso</u>
Beacon Editor:	<u>David Karhi</u>
Breakfast Socials:	<u>Jeromy Odom</u>
Building:	<u>Abram Wallace</u>
Cemetery:	<u>Dale Flatt, PM</u>
Communications:	<u>Raul Scully, PM</u>
Community Builder:	<u>H. Max Fisher</u>
Fantastic Teeth:	<u>Dennis Ross, PM</u>
Finance:	<u>Curtis Gilgan, PM</u>
Fraternal Assistance:	<u>Troy Shugart, PM</u>
Funeral:	<u>Troy Shugart, PM</u>
Golden Trowel:	<u>Tide Williams, PM</u>
Grand Lodge Business:	<u>Curtis Gilgan, PM</u>
Historian:	<u>H. Max Fisher</u>
Hospital:	<u>David Karhi</u>
Lodge Education:	<u>Abram Wallace</u>
Members in Arrears:	<u>Orlando Perez</u>
Past Masters' Night:	<u>Dennis Ross, PM</u>
Pleasant Hill Advisory:	<u>H. Max Fisher</u>
Raffle:	<u>David Hoke</u>
Scholarship:	<u>H. Max Fisher</u>
Sick and Distressed:	<u>Troy Shugart, PM</u>
Vanguard:	<u>Richard Alonso</u>

From the East

Greetings to all. I am happy to report things seem to be gradually getting back to normal. We still have a long way to go but at least we are moving in that direction.

Not much has occurred at the lodge lately due to poor attendance, as a result I have cancelled all Monday and Thursday study nights until further notice. We will be holding our Stated Meetings on the usual days and times. We held the March Stated Meeting on March 4th and received our DDGM, RW Charles Maddox on his first official visit. With only 8 members present it was to say the least a little different! He did, however, deliver a very good message from Grand Master Curry. I wish there had been more people there to hear it. If you get a chance, try to attend one of his many conferences. Several of us went to the conference in Thorndale on March 20th. It was nice to see some old friends and faces.

The silent auction came to an end in February. We did well and raised a few hundred dollars for our Scholarships. We will be awarding 4 Scholarships with matching funds from the TMCF. Thank you to brothers Charles Foreman, Max Fisher and Dennis Ross for your hard work on this committee.

I plan on presenting the Masonic Service Awards in the May Stated Meeting. Hopefully, we will be able to have an open meeting and show these deserving brothers our love and appreciation to them.

We have received permission from the COA and the State Historical Commission to remove some of the rock on the front of our lodge building to take care of the ongoing bee problem. We will discuss our path forward on this at the April Stated meeting.

I would like to extend our appreciation to both Eastern Star Chapters that share our Lodge for their generous financial support concerning the repair of the lift and AC system. Thank you all very much.

I will close for now by saying I hope to see you all real soon. Stay safe and healthy and we will all be together again soon. I love you all!

Troy J. Shugart, Worshipful Master



Upcoming Grand Lodge Events

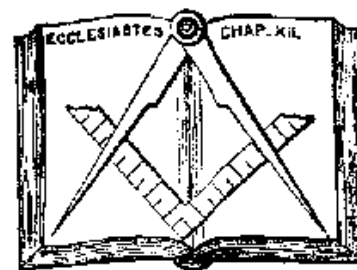
- **April 10th**
 - **Grand Master's Conference**
Hella Shrine
2121 Rowlett Rd
Garland, TX 75043
8:00am-10:00am
 - **Grand Master's Conference**
Scottish Rite Cathedral
500 S Harwood St
Dallas, TX 75201
12:00pm-2:00pm
 - **Grand Master's Conference**
Saint Johns Lodge #51
1811 Ridge Rd
McKinney, TX 75070
4:00pm-6:00pm
- **April 17th**
 - **Banquet for Grand Master**
Milam Lodge 2 AF&AM
129 S Fredonia St
Nacogdoches, TX 75961
6:00pm-9:00pm
- **April 21st**
 - **San Jacinto Observance**
3523 Independence Pkwy
La Porte, TX 77571
10:00am-12:30pm
- **April 24th**
 - **Grand Master's Homecoming Banquet**
The Ashton Depot
1501 S Jones St
Fort Worth, TX 76102
6:00pm-10:00pm
- **April 27th**
 - **Cornerstone Ceremonies**
Thomas B. Hunter Lodge #1356
933 SW 2nd St
Grand Prairie, TX 75051
11:00am-4:00pm

David Karhi, Editor

This Month in Masonic History

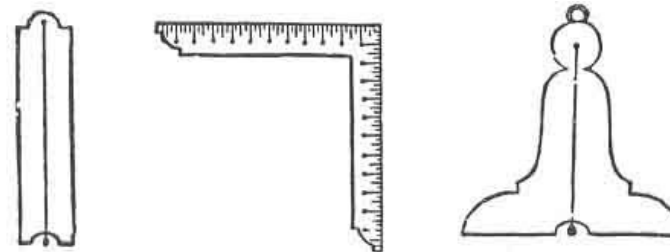
- April 4th, 1778, Voltaire was initiated in "Les Neuf Soeurs" Lodge in Paris. His conductors were Benjamin Franklin and Count Gebelin
- April 5th, 1886, Rudyard Kipling received his 1st degree
- April 8th, 1790, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was formed
- April 19th, 1787, the Grand Lodge of Maryland was formed
- April 19th, 1850, the Grand Lodge of California was formed
- April 20th, 1884, Pope Leo XIII issued a famous Papal Bull against Freemasonry, titled Humanum Genus
- April 21st, 1821, the Grand Lodge of Missouri was founded
- April 22nd, 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 3rd degree
- April 24th, 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt received his 3rd degree
- April 28th, 1738, Pope Clement XII issued the first Papal Bull attacking Freemasonry
- April 28th, 1840, the Grand Lodge of Illinois was formed

David Karhi, Editor



*Called to the
Celestial Lodge*

Robert Ray
March 9, 2021



Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers as they seek comfort and healing. They are or have been ill, recovering from medical procedures or have limited mobility: Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Roland Brown, Scott Brown (Roland's son), Johnny Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (Johnny's father), Billy Capps, Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Brett Chandler-Finch, Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Elouise Duckworth (Roland Brown's sister), Linda Dyess, Sidney Ellis, James Farmer (Anthony's grandfather), Stephanie Farmer (Anthony's aunt), Boyce Freitag, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, Jimmy Gower (RW Mike Gower's son), RW Mike & Barbara Gower, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Eva Jean Kestner, Murphy Kidder (Freddie's daughter's husband), Don & Johnnie Long, Jamie & Glendene Marlow, Patricia McGinnis, Ann Merica (Ed's mom), Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Dennis W. Mingua, Sr. (William's dad), Orlando Perez, William Phillip (Bobby Clakley's sister-in-law's father), Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Angela Ross (Dennis' wife), Linda Russel, Jeanine Robinson (Carl's wife), Jay Sharp, Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Hope Smith (John's wife), Kenneth Smith, Mike Smith (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law's husband), David Solverson, Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), Henry Tindell (Ricky's father), Willis Woods (Michael's father), and Louis Ugarte (SW Orlando Perez's cousin).

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Troy Shugart, PM or Chaplain Bill Lewis, PM

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

Due to COVID-19, we haven't been volunteering at St. David's South Austin Medical Center recently, but we hope to see our friends at St. David's again soon!

Thank you folks for a job well done!