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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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August 2019

Lodge Officers 2019 - 2020

WM: **David "Tide" Williams**
 SW: **Orlando Perez**
 JW: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**
 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 Chap: **James C. Wells, PM**
 SD: **Richard Alonso**
 JD: **Jeromy W. Odom**
 SS: **Abram Wallace**
 JS: **Bobby Clakley**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
 MC: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 Mus: **William L. Lewis, PM**
 Tiler: **Franklin "Ed" Merica**

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
 1989- Dennis C. Kestner
 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
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker
 2002- Robert L. Roda
 2003- Ricky J. Tindell
 2004- Eljio Arjona, Jr.
 2005- Hamilton B. Carter
 2006- Russell M. Tidwell II
 2007- Michael E. Sanders
 2008- Daniel E. Barber
 2009- Dale L. Flatt
 2010- Tony M. Ramirez
 2011- Dennis J. Ross
 2012- Adrian W. Edmundson
 2013- Raul J. Scully
 2014- Ben B. Rauschke
 2015- Curtis A. Gilgan
 2016- Jeff J. Carroll
 2017- William L. Lewis
 2018- Christopher R. Dawson

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
 Bobby J. Norris
 Gene C. Payne
 Troy J. Shugart
 Bill Weathers
 James C. Wells
 Roni Zulu



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August Birthdays

Michael L. Poe 01; Marvin H. Kelly, Henry Treveno 02; Robert A. Carnes 03; Raymond M. Williams 05; David M. Harnden 07; Darrell W. Boyd, Gordon V. Powell, Jr. 08; Lawrence F. Crook, Jr. 09; Julius M. Abella 10; Wayne V. Frye, David C. Allen 12; William S. Haire 13; Leon D. Ross, Albert A. Mehlhaff 17; George G. Watkins 18; Larry L. Haney, Terry L. Sharp, Jerry W. Wranischar 20; Dennie J. Jackson 21; Bobby O. Brown, Bobby D. Clakley 22; John J. Brassil, Charles E. Gray, Jr., Melvin E. Johnson 24; William B. Farr 25; Stephen C. Dowell, Jeromy W. Odom, Raul J. Scully 27; Patrick N. Franklin, Samuel E. Taylor, Sr. 29; David H. Lewis 31.

Masonic Birthdays; raised in August (year)

Sidney L. Ellis 59; Robert C. Williams 66; Joseph E. Simpson 67; Louis C. Martin 69; Rodney W. Angell 70; John W. Turner 73; Jerry T. Jarmon 79; Walter H. Argall 81; Ronnie H. Lee 82; Elbert I. Franks, David H. Lewis 86; Robin B. Shannon, Kenneth R. Smith 87; Kenneth P. Wood 90; Bradley J. Hardin 92; Rodney E. Lay 97; Reagan L. Dunklin, Henry Trevino, Johnny S. Turner 99; Albert J. Stowell 01; Daniel E. Barber 02; Raul J. Scully 08; David "Tide" Williams 13; Julius M. Abella 17.

*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
 August 1st, 2019**

**Entered Apprentice
 Mason's Lodge**

Family Night

**Meal at 6:30 p.m.
 Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

Beacon Editor: David Karhi
Breakfast Socials: Jeromy Odom
Building: Jeromy Odom
Abram Wallace
Cemetery: Dale Flatt, PM
Communications: Troy Shugart, PM
Esoteric Instruction: Richard Alonso
Finance: Curtis Gilgan, PM
Funeral: Troy Shugart, PM
Historian: H. Max Fisher
Hospital: Carl Robinson
Ill and Visitation: Jim Wells, PM
Vanguard: Raul Scully, PM
Pleasant Hill Advisory: H. Max Fisher
Special Events: Chris Dawson, PM

From the East

Greetings, Brethren, and happy August. I spent last weekend out at the gun range with Brother Clakley, and was reminded that this summer promises to live up to its Texas reputation and engulf us in unrelenting heat. So please stay hydrated if you're going to be outside.

The masonic year has just started, and it's already been a very busy time at the lodge. We have 3 EA's and 1 FC continuing to make progress in their work. We've also got a MM from a Temple area lodge that we're providing courtesy instruction for, so please stop by on Mondays and introduce yourself. I want to thank all of those brethren that have been diligently working with our members learning their work. I am proud of the number of you who are so willing to teach and help them move along their masonic path.

On the 18th of July, 12 Master masons, 2 EA's and 3 wives got together to assemble the school kits for the SOS project. Within 35 minutes, we were able to assemble 120 full kits, to provide school supplies for Pleasant Hill Elementary Kindergarten through 5th graders. I was overwhelmed by the response of so many caring people coming together to make a difference on the children's lives. We will be delivering the kits when the school staff returns in mid August. My deepest and most sincere thanks to Raul and Ali Scully, Howard Kimball, Chris Dawson, Rick Alonso, Dennis and Angela Ross, Billy Capps, Max Fisher, Rhys Williams, Tracy Williams, Ed Merica, Robert Eschenburg, Abe Wallace, and two EA's.

On July 20th, a number of brethren attended the Tranquility Quarterly stated meeting, which happened to fall on the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. Before the normal stated meeting, we were treated to a presentation of the launch, and a celestial display of the constellations from that date back in 1969. Many thanks to Robert Marshall and WM Tyson Holloway for the treat. And a big congratulations to our own Raul Scully for being appointed Junior Deacon of Tranquility Lodge for the new masonic year.

The quarterly MWSA meeting was well attended by the brethren of Onion Creek on July 22nd. In addition to sharing each lodge's accomplishments, RW Dermit imparted a vast amount of information from the Grand Lodge, his lodge visitation schedule, and dates for upcoming Briscoe workshop.

On Friday the 26th, the lodge dining room was used to host another Annual Dyslexia Conference. The

event was attended by more than 20 educators from around the state, and they expressed their appreciation for the use of the facilities for this important event.

Our next stated meeting will be August 1st, and we will be opening an Entered Apprentice lodge. All EA's and FC's are invited to attend and learn more about how we conduct our business.

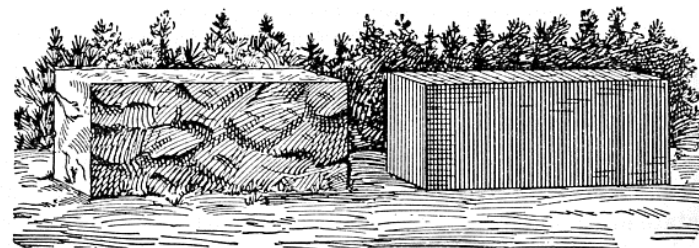
Also, early in the month, Robert Eschenburg will be smoking meats on his pit for the Hill Country Rally for Kids Charity Fundraiser. Come on out to Camp Ben McCulloch on August 4th, and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

Other upcoming events:

- August 10th — 8-11am — Summer Breakfast Social — Brother Junior Deacon could certainly use your assistance in the kitchen, or your help financially. We will be honoring our first responders, so bring out your family and friends for all you can eat breakfast.
- August 19th — Join us for some lively discussion during Pipe and Cigar Night on the Porch.
- Beginning August 22nd, we will hold every Thursday practice for the upcoming Committee on Work Forum and Exams.
- September 5th — Open meeting to present 50/60 year awards, followed by Stated meeting in which we will receive our District Deputy Grand Master, RW Mark Dermit.
- September 6-8 — Grand Lodge Leadership Training in Corpus Christi
- September 28th — Lady Luck Bingo Brunch hosted by our JPM Dawson.

Again, my thanks to all of you for entrusting the operations of the lodge to me, but I can't do this without the contributions of all of you. Thanks and have a fantastic August.

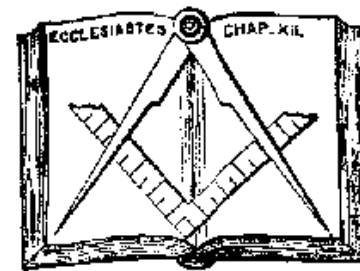
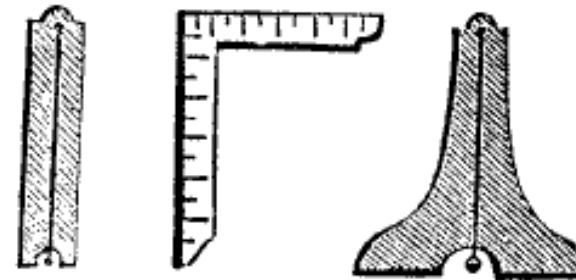
Tide Williams, Worshipful Master



Masonic Labors

Our lectures say to us: The true Mason labors for the benefit of those that are to come after him, and for the advancement and improvement of his race. That is a poor ambition which contents itself within the limits of a single life. All men who deserve to live at all, desire to survive their own funerals, and to live afterwards in the good that they have done mankind, rather than in the writing that lasts even the longest upon the sands of human memories. Most men desire to leave some work behind them, that may outlive their day and brief generation. That is an instinctive impulse, given by God, and often found in the rudest human heart; the surest proof of the soul's immortality, and of the radical difference between man and the wisest brutes. To plant the trees that after we are dead shall shelter our children, is as natural as to love the shade of those our fathers planted.

Albert Pike



Called to the Celestial Lodge

George W. Henry
June 29, 2019

Freddie F. Hite
July 2, 2019

August Menu

August Food Committee Chairman Dale Flatt reports they will be serving King Ranch chicken with a cool crisp salad, watermelon, and ice cream for dessert.

Thank you for a fine meal!

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, Billy Brown (Roland's son), De Brown (Roland's wife), Scott Brown (Roland's son), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's Mother in-law), Molly Clakley, Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, James Farmer (Anthoney's grandfather), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis & Lauren Gilgan, Jacqueline Goodman (Ernest Owey's sister-in-law), RW Mike Gower and family, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite's family, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Larry Korts, Johnnie Long, Thurman McGinnis, Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Wes Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's father-in-law), Will Mingua, Newell "Red" Rauschke (Ben's dad), Jeanine Robinson (wife of Carl Robinson), JT Shugart (Troy's dad), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Henry Tindell, and Louis Ugarte (cousin of SW Orlando Perez).

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Tide Williams or Chaplain Jim Wells, PM

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SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of June, 5 Masons and 2 wives contributed over 89 hours assisting our friends and neighbors over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center.

The outstanding volunteers who made this possible are (in alphabetical order): Linda Boyd with 11 hours, Max Fisher with over 17 hours, David Karhi with 3 hours, Carl Robinson with over 24 hours, Jeanine Robinson with over 5 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with over 24 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!