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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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December 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	2000- Walter E. Sanders
1970- Ralph L. Cearley	2001- Jonathan D. Walker
1974- Jimmy M. Hodges	2002- Robert L. Roda
1977- Roy L. Hamor	2003- Ricky J. Tindell
1978- Bobby J. Doherty	2004- Eljio Arjona, Jr.
1980- Ronald B. Norwood	2005- Hamilton B. Carter
1981- Howard D. Hall	2006- Russell M. Tidwell II
1982- Alan L. Karotkin	2007- Michael E. Sanders
1984- Matias H. Ruiz	2008- Daniel E. Barber
1987- Elliott R. Wilson	2009- Dale L. Flatt
1988- Jerry T. Jarmon	2010- Tony M. Ramirez
1989- Dennis C. Kestner	2011- Dennis J. Ross
1991- Ronnie H. Lee	2012- Adrian W. Edmundson
1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff	2013- Raul J. Scully
1994- Walter H. Argall	2014- Ben B. Rauschke
1995- Javier R. Gonzalez	2015- Curtis A. Gilgan
1996- Kenneth P. Wood	2016- Jeff J. Carroll
1997- William S. Lear	2017- William L. Lewis
1998- John W. Turner	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
 Gene C. Payne
 Troy J. Shugart
 Bill Weathers
 James C. Wells
 Roni Zulu



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December Birthdays

Javier R. Gonzalez, Paul S. Hinchliffe, Scott L. Lehman 2; Christopher A. Preece 3; Sidney Q. Strength 5; Jerry T. Jarmon 6; Jacob A. Carroll, Wilfredo “J.R.” Vera 8; John E. Waggoner, Ronald L. Angell, Thomas S. Estes 9; Tommie J. Conner, Marvin G. Gammage 10; Samuel T. Hill 14; Eljio Arjona, Jr., Everet J. Sharp III 15; John N. McFarling 17; Sidney L. Ellis, Mack Gerald 18; Michael M. Zombola 25; Kenneth O. Shiga 28; Michael W. Carter 30; Harley M. Fisher, and Randall J. Storm 31.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in December (year)

Arnold J. Holden, Edward L. Weeren 57; Wayne V. Frye 60; Howard D. Hall 70; Bobby J. Doherty 72; Matias S. Ruiz 77; William L. Weathers 79; Melvin E. Johnson 83; Robert F. Park, Jr. 85; Gerald T. Dawson, Dennis J. Ross 89; Terry L. Sharp 94; Charles E. Gray, Jr. 96; Howard K. Kimball 98; Hamilton B. Carter 01; William “Bill” Lewis, Jr., Charles W. Pickering 10; Jason C. Shoumaker 11; Ernest Owney 14.

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

Stated Meeting

**Second Thursday
 December 12th, 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:	<u>David Karhi</u>
Breakfast Socials:	<u>Jeromy Odom</u>
Building:	<u>Jeromy Odom</u>
	<u>Abram Wallace</u>
Cemetery:	<u>Dale Flatt, PM</u>
Communications:	<u>Troy Shugart, PM</u>
Esoteric Instruction:	<u>Richard Alonso</u>
Finance:	<u>Curtis Gilgan, PM</u>
Funeral:	<u>Troy Shugart, PM</u>
Historian:	<u>H. Max Fisher</u>
Hospital:	<u>Carl Robinson</u>
Ill and Visitation:	<u>David “Tide” Williams</u>
Vanguard:	<u>Raul Scully, PM</u>
Pleasant Hill Advisory:	<u>H. Max Fisher</u>
Special Events:	<u>Chris Dawson, PM</u>

From the East

Greetings brethren and extended family. I am glad to see that we've finally gotten away from the blistering heat of these extended Texas summers, and some milder and cooler days are upon us. As I write this, I find myself with mixed emotions. On one hand, I am filled with pride and joy to be a member of such a wonderful lodge, and of my brothers and the comradery that we share. On the other hand, I am saddened at the loss of Brothers Gerald Curry and Bobby Norris. Both will be sorely missed.

November did not fail to live up to the bar set by all the preceding months, as it too proved to be quite busy. The weekend after our November stated meeting started off with a bang as Brother Odom and his wife Melinda did a fantastic job getting everything organized and ready for our Fall Breakfast Social. Many thanks to all the hands that volunteered their time or donated food or money to ensure this was another successful event.

It has also been busy for those Masons learning their work, and the instructors who are teaching them. Two of our EA's were able to turn in their work, and we are looking forward to a couple of Fellowcraft degrees in the near future. The other two EA's are steadily making progress, and it won't be too long after the holidays before both of them are ready to turn in their work. I would also like to extend my congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Brother Scott Lehman. Brother Lehman was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on the 14th of November, in one of the finest degrees I've seen.

One of my favorite things to do as a Mason is to travel to other lodges around the state and visit with the brethren there. It never ceases to amaze me how comfortable I am made to feel by total strangers or brothers whom I don't see that often. This month I got to attend a 50 year award presentation at Parsons Lodge and a 50 year award and Golden Trowel presentation at Triune Lodge (in San Antonio). I'm already looking for travel excuses for December, and January will find me in Waco for the Grand Annual Communication. There's always an extra seat in a vehicle, so feel free to come along. Then you will most assuredly be able to answer the question, "Are you a traveling man?"

Speaking of traveling, we took the "Pipe and Cigar Night on the Porch" on the road this month as we visited in the back yard at the Little Darlin bar. The

discussions were all over the map, but it was definitely enjoyed by all. Just a reminder, you don't have to smoke to join in on the discussions. The next one will be on the third Monday in January (Jan 20th).

I'll remind everyone that the December stated meeting is also when we do our charity raffle, so if you haven't already bought your raffle tickets, time is getting short. Also, because we ended up with a number of items after the raffle tickets were already printed, we'll be holding a silent auction this year. All of the items in the auction were donated, and the proceeds of will be added to our Charity fund. And as a sneak peek, Whitestone jewelers just donated a ladies 14K yellow gold necklace with diamond heart pendant. So, make sure you show up for the December meal and put your bids in on some really wonderful items.

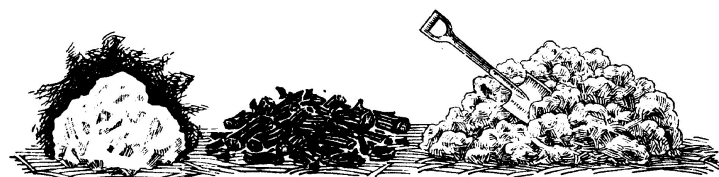
Last, but not least, I would be remiss if I didn't throw in a mention about annual dues. Grand Lodge has promised to have the dues cards in our hands earlier this year, and we'll be sending out cards to all the Endowed members, and dues notices to everyone else. Remember, your annual dues are actually due on December 31st.

Coming Events:

- Dec 2nd, 5th, and 9th — Q&A
- Dec 5th — Called meeting of Committee on Grand Annual Communication Business to do first review of the 2020 Resolutions (all are welcome)
- Dec 12th — December Stated Meeting, Charity Raffle, and Silent Auction
- Dec 14th — Lodge workday
- Dec 16th — Fellowcraft Degree
- Dec 17th – Jan 1st — Lodge DARK
- Jan 2nd — January Stated Meeting

I'll close with the hope that each of you have a wonderful holiday season, filled with the love of your families both near and far. Happy holidays!

Tide Williams, Worshipful Master

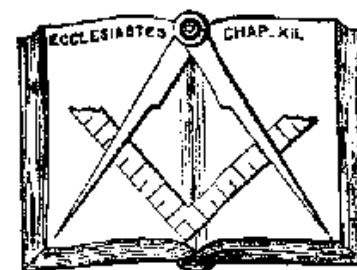
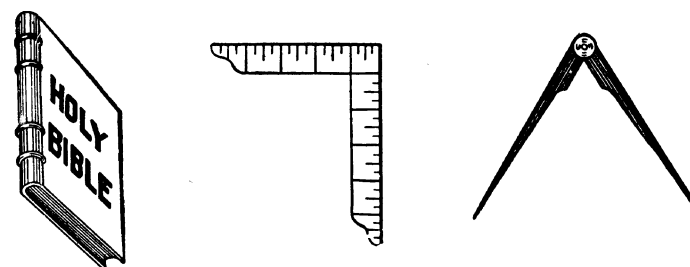


This Month in Masonic History

George Washington's funeral was conducted in Masonic fashion on December 18th 1799, at Mount Vernon, Virginia.

Also, in December of 1837, the Grand Lodge of Texas was formed. At that time, three lodges had been chartered in Texas by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana: (Holland Lodge No. 36, Milam Lodge No. 40 at Nacogdoches, and McFarland Lodge No. 41 at San Augustine). On December 20, 1837, President Sam Houston presided over a convention of representatives of these three lodges in the city of Houston, and elected Anson Jones the first Grand Master of Masons in Texas.

Tide Williams, Worshipful Master



*Called to the
Celestial Lodge*

Gerald L. Curry
October 23, 2019

Bobby J. Norris
November 22, 2019

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of October, 5 Masons and 1 wife contributed over 97 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 19 hours, Dave Faria with 23 hours, Max Fisher with 9 hours, David Karhi with 3 hours, Dennis Ross with 2 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 42 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!

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: Mary Barber's family (Dan's mother), Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Scott Brown (Roland's son), Johnny Camarillo, Johnnie G. Camarillo, Sr. (Johnny's father), Thomas Carroll (Jeff's father), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's mother-in-law), Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry & Gerald Curry's family, Glenn & Linda Dyess, Sidney Ellis, James Farmer (Anthony's grandfather), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis & Lauren Gilgan, Jacqueline Goodman (Ernest Owey's sister-in-law), RW Mike Gower, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Fred Khoury (Jeff's father-in-law), Larry Korts, Johnnie Long (Don's wife), Glendene Marlow, Thurman McGinnis, Liz Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's mother-in-law), Nicole Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's sister-in-law), Wes Mersiovsky (Curtis Gilgan's father-in-law), Will Mingua, Bobby Norris' family, Orlando Perez, Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Ben Rauschke's family, Jeanine Robinson (Carl's wife), JT Shugart (Troy's father), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), Melissa Springer (Ben Rauschke's mother), April Tinajero (Larry Haney's daughter), Henry Tindell (Ricky's father), Willis Woods (Michael's father), Louis Ugarte (SW Orlando Perez's cousin), and WM Michael James Woehl's family.

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

