

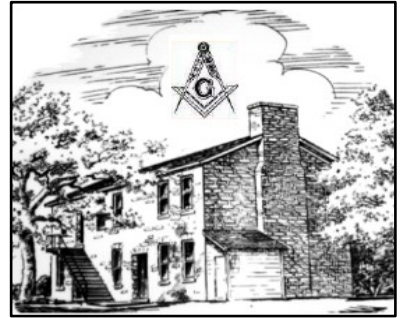
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February 2020

Lodge Officers 2019 - 2020

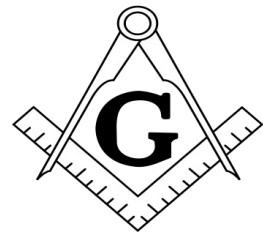
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 Chap: **James C. Wells, PM**
 SD: **Richard Alonso**
 JD: **Jeromy W. Odom**
 SS: **Abram Wallace**
 JS: **Bobby Clakley**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
 MC: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 Mus: **William L. Lewis, PM**
 Tiler: **Franklin “Ed” Merica**

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



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February Birthdays

Howard K. Kimball, Reagan L. Dunklin 2; Manuel A. Hernandez, Stephen M. Preece 3; Ralph L. Cearley, David H. Eickbusch 4; Samuel N. Lanham, Jr. 5; David J. Faria 7; Kenneth W. Patton, Jonathan L. Ramirez 11; L.A. Westling 12; Rodney E. Lay, Dennis W. Mingua 14; David A. Karhi 15; Larry G. Richter 18; Donald W. Dickerson 19; Darin W. Isaacs 20; Kirk W. Reasoner 21; Jose M. Chirinos 25; Bradley J. Hardin, Chadwyck W. Preece 26; Kenath T. Carver 27; Robert L. Roda, and Michael C. Owens 28.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in February (year)

Roland J. Brown 60; Harrell E. McCaslin, Sr. 61; Stanley A. Penner 63; Marion P. Kerr 65; William E. Powell, David S. Solverson 66; David H. Eickbusch 74; Stephen A. Barlow, H. Max Fisher 79; Stephen M. Preece 80; Marvin G. Gammage 82; Michael C. Owens 84; Gene C. Payne, Bobby J. Tiner 85; Sidney Q. Strength 87; Andrew W. James 88; Michael A. Lee 92; Robert M. Mallett, Michael E. Sanders 95; Johnathan D. Walker, David M. Harnden 98; James E. Meeks III, Samuel E. Taylor, Sr. 01; Russell M. Tidwell II 02; Donn E. Hile 03; Richard Alonso 07; Johnny G. Camarillo 08; Curtis Alan Gilgan 09; David A. Karhi 10; Orlando Perez 12; Bobby D. Clakley, Dennis W. Mingua 18.

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 February 6th, 2020**

Master 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: David “Tide” Williams
Vanguard: Raul Scully, PM
Pleasant Hill Advisory: H. Max Fisher
Special Events: Chris Dawson, PM

From the East

Happy February, brethren! I hope this edition of the Beacon finds all of you in good health and good spirits. It's hard to believe that we've already finished off the first month of this new year/decade. Time does indeed fly by when you're having fun.

I recently had the opportunity to attend the 184th session of our Grand Lodge of Texas Annual Communication. As in the previous six years of going, this one allowed me to visit with some brethren that I don't get to see often enough, participate in the legislative future of our fraternity, and spend some quality time with brethren and families of our lodge. If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate in this aspect of Freemasonry, I can honestly say, you are missing out on a memorable experience. My sincerest congratulations to M.'W.'. Paul D. Underwood, on his ascension as Grand Master of Texas Masons.



Winter is still upon us, and the weather remains unpredictable. Unfortunately, it is also cold and flu season, cedar fever season, and this year's new flavor of dreadful ailment: the coronavirus. For those of you who have already fallen prey to one of these illnesses, I wish you a speedy recovery. For those of you lucky enough to have escaped thus far unscathed, please keep up your precautionary measures and avoid sick people wherever possible.

Our brethren continue to stay active at the lodge on Mondays and Thursdays, either teaching or learning the work of our craft. Our EAs, FC, and MMs are making great progress and should be able to advance soon. Speaking of advancing, on the 13th of January, we

had the privilege of raising Ricardo Avila to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The brethren did a fine job of providing this brother with his degree and furthering him along in his masonic future.

We held our Winter Breakfast Social on the 25th of January, and while there were not huge numbers of attendees, there was a steady flow of hungry people. As we got close to closing it down at 11:00, I noticed that most of the people who had arrived when we started were still there enjoying the company and conversation of those around them. I'll take quality over quantity every day. Many thanks to Jeromy and Melinda Odom for their tireless hours of prep and running the breakfast social this year, and to the many volunteers who donated of their time and/or money to ensure these events are successful. The Spring Breakfast Social will be April 15th, so start planning now to attend.

Just a reminder for those of you that have not yet paid your dues....it was due on December 31st. Please reach out to brother Secretary or myself if you have any questions or need to discuss your dues. My goal is to make this year's Member in Arrears committee the least active committee ever!

Upcoming Events:

- February
 - 3rd – Fantastic Teeth Launch Party – 6:30pm
 - 6th – Family Night/Open Meeting/Stated Meeting – 6:30pm
 - 8th – Houston Grand Masters Conference – Arabia Shriners (10510 Harwin Dr.) – 9am
 - 15th – Lady Luck Bingo Brunch – 11am
 - 17th – Pipe and Cigar Night
 - 29th – LTC Class – OCL dining room – 8am
- March
 - 3rd – Alamo Remembrance/San Antonio Grand Masters Conference
 - 5th – Family Night/Stated Meeting – 6:30pm
 - TBD – A.L.L. Class

I hope to see all of you at the Fantastic Teeth launch party and/or Family Night – February stated meeting. There will be an open meeting before we do our business so we can honor one of our local businessmen and friend of the lodge. Stay safe and stay healthy!

Tide Williams, Worshipful Master

This Month in Masonic History

- February 7th, 1981, the Grand Lodge of Alaska was formed.
- February 9th, 1909, Harry S. Truman received his 1st degree in Belton Lodge #450, Missouri.
- February 11th, 1988, masonic leaders met with President Ronald Reagan, presenting him with a certificate of honor and making him an honorary Scottish Rite mason.
- February 18th, 1909, William Howard Taft received his 1st degree in Kilwinning Lodge #356, Ohio.
- February 19th, 1811, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was formed.
- February 23rd, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 2nd degree.
- February 24th, 1853, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was formed.

David Karhi, Editor

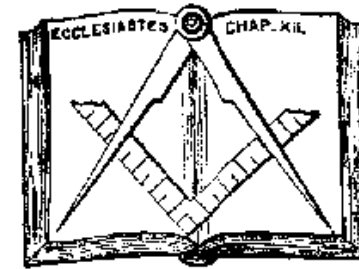
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Called to the Celestial Lodge

Dennis C. Kestner
December 26, 2019

Glenn R. Dyess
December 27, 2019

Thurman R. McGinnis
January 9, 2020



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of December, 6 Masons and 1 wife contributed over 101 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 23 hours, Dave Faria with 12 hours, Max Fisher with 19 hours, David Karhi with 3 hours, Dennis Ross with 3 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 37 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: 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's widow), Linda Dyess & Glenn Dyess' family, Sidney Ellis, James Farmer (Anthony's grandfather), Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis & Lauren Gilgan, 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), Elaine Kenna (Chris Dawson's mother-in-law), Eva Jean Kestner & Dennis Kestner's family, Larry Korts, Johnnie Long (Don's wife), Glendene Marlow, Patricia McGinnis & Thurman McGinnis' family, 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), and Louis Ugarte (SW Orlando Perez's cousin).

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

