

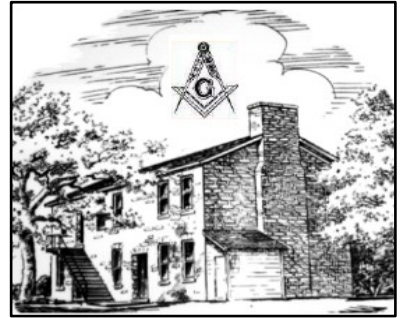
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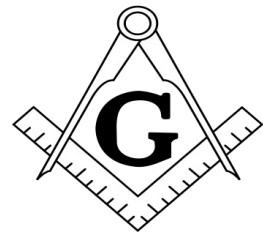
WM: **David "Tide" Williams**
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 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 Chap: **James C. Wells, PM**
 SD: **Richard Alonso**
 JD: **Jeromy W. Odom**
 SS: **Abram Wallace**
 JS: **Bobby Clakley**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
 MC: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
 Mus: **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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January Birthdays

Carl W. Winters, Jr. 1; Earnest C. Applegate 2; Elliott R. Wilson 6; Glenn M. Groth, Walter E. Sanders 9; William M. Bastas, James D. Hatton 10; Robert F. Park, Jr. 11; Ernest Owey 13; Charles E. Ruebbling 14; Aaron K. Robertson, Henry R. Tindell 18; Jason P. Harrell 19; Francisco Reyes, Jr., Carl H. Robinson, Sr. 22; Howard D. Hall, Reagan W. Hammett 24; Jason C. Shoumaker 26; Robert L. Eschenburg, John W. Turner 28.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in January (year)

Lawrence F. Crooke Jr. 49; Bobby O. Brown 53; Leon D. Ross 53; Darrell W. Boyd 55; Ben E. Gray 62; Sam M. Piper Jr. 65; James M. King 68; Kenneth J. Polk 69; Maxie E. Brune 72; Matias H. Ruiz 78; James E. Sterling 80; Bennie L. Hudson 83; William L. Hatten 84; Vernon W. Miears 85; Randy A. Martin 89; Wesley L. Mersiovsky, Michael M. Zombola 90; Richard P. Rayborn 96; Carl W. Winters, Jr. 97; David C. Allen 98; James E. Greybeck 98; James A. Kruger 00; Adrian W. Edmundson 04; David W. Hardt, Christopher A. Preece 13; Kenneth O. Shiga 19.

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 January 2nd, 2020**

**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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, brethren. I hope this season of joy and festivity blesses all of you a chance to spend time with the ones you love and care for.

I had the opportunity to have a few weeks off this year. And as I was hurriedly moving through the holiday season, I realized that I needed to take some time to reflect on the many gifts already afforded me, yet I had taken for granted. The first is the gift of family. Not just my wife and son, whom I don't often enough express my love for, but for my extended family – all of you and your families. I am so blessed and proud to have each of you and your families in my life, and for allowing me to be a part of yours. The second gift, is that of charity. There are a great number of charitable opportunities provided through our lodge, but I began to take notice of all the other opportunities in our community. This season, consider donating some of your time or money to those around you who may be in need. Take a good look around, and you'll find dozens of ways you can change people's lives.....and your own.

Even with the shortened schedule, this month has mirrored the busy pace of the previous months. Our EAs are progressing forward with learning their work, and two more of them have been successfully passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Congratulations to both of them, and many thanks to the multitude of brothers who have divested countless hours to keep our brothers progressing through learning the ways of our gentle craft.



For those of you that missed it, the December stated meeting started off with a fantastic meal

provided by our December food committee. Brother McCarter continues to live up to his reputation of providing us with great holiday eats and treats. This was followed up by our annual raffle drawing, and a new addition this year, silent auction. Many thanks to all who participated and congratulations to the winners of all those great prizes. We capped off the evening with our stated meeting where we took care of the normal business of the lodge, and got prepared to represent our lodge at the upcoming Grand Lodge Annual Communication.



Dues cards were finally received and have been mailed out to all of you who are endowed or have more than 50 years of service. Please consider a donation to the lodge to at least cover your per capita fees (i.e. \$27.50). For those not endowed, you should have received a dues notice and envelope in which to mail in your dues. Remember, payment is due by December 31st, and are considered late beyond that date.

Upcoming January Events:

- 2nd – January Stated Meeting
- 11th – Tranquility Lodge Stated Meeting (@Midlothian #584)
- 16th-18th – Grand Lodge Annual Communication
- 20th – Pipe and Cigar Night (@ Lil Darlin's)
- 23rd – District 50 MWSA Meeting (@OCL)
- 25th – Winter Breakfast Social

I'll close this now with a wish for all of you to have a wonderful time during the holidays. See you all in the New Year.

Tide Williams, Worshipful Master

This Month in Masonic History

- January 2nd, 1901, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt received his 1st degree in Matinecock Lodge #806, Oyster Bay, New York.
- January 7th, 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 2nd degree.
- January 26th, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 1st degree.

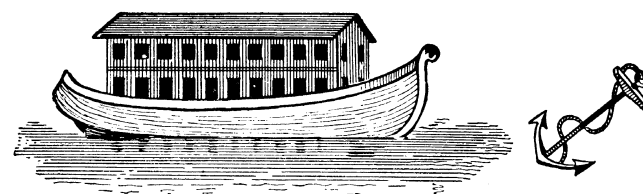
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Onion Creek Enters the 21st Century

Good news, brethren, we've now officially entered the new millennium with our dues payments. Thanks to the efforts of Brother Scully, you can now pay your dues, donate to Per Capita costs, or buy an Endowed Membership via credit card online.

Just go to <http://onioncreeklodge220.org/>, and click on the "Store" link. That will take you to the Square site where can select what you're buying. Click the applicable option (i.e., Per Capita, Dues, or Endowment), then click the "Add to Cart" button. You will be redirected to the shopping cart page. Validate the information is correct, and then click the "Checkout" button. Fill out the info to pay by credit card, and you're all set. *Note: you'll notice that there is a small fee added for using the pay by credit card service, but it is very nominal.* Thanks, and happy shopping.

Tide Williams, Worshipful Master



January Menu

January Food Committee Chairman William Lewis, PM reports that January's menu will include ham and Boston baked beans with vegetables and salad on the side and a delicious desert.

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: 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, RW Mike Gower, Reagan Hammett, Howard F. Herrin, Jr.'s family, 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), Dennis & Eva Jean Kestner, 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

