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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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July 2020

Lodge Officers 2019 - 2020

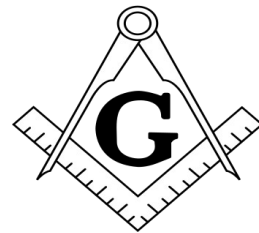
WM: **David "Tide" Williams**
 SW: **Orlando Perez**
 JW: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**
 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 Chap: **James C. Wells, PM**
 SD: **Richard Alonso**
 JD: **Jeromy W. Odom**
 SS: **Abram Wallace**
 JS: **Bobby Clakley**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
 MC: **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
 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
 Bill Weathers
 James C. Wells
 Roni Zulu



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



July Birthdays

Steven R. Franklin, Billy R. Seguin, Adrian W. Edmundson 01; James R. Jennings 02; Roni Zulu 06; Richard W. Johnson 07; Christopher T. Bookout 08; Ronald B. Fife 09; Omar Chavez-Trevino 10; David W. Hardt 11; Kenneth R. Smith 15; William E. Powell 17; Samuel M Gacesa 18; Alan L. Karotkin, William R. Harrison, Todd A. Reynolds 20; Charles A. Snoddy 22; James W. Fouts 23; Clifford C. Cody, Joe A. Pickering 25; Dale L. Flatt 26; Kendell Holcomb 27; John C. Wood and Bradley D. French 30.

Happy Birthday Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in July (year)

James R. Jennings 53; Donald A. Villoni, Jack H. Broome 58; Gordon V. Powell, Jr. 61; Marvin H. Kelly 62; Glen R. Broddrick 63; Robert Ray 69; Ferril C. Smith 76; Richard N. Benoit 80; Ronald B. Fife 88; Francisco Reyes, Sr., Peter Seguin 89; Michael S. Compton 93; Darin W. Isaacs 94; Charles P. Foreman, Jerry W. Wranischar, Hunter S. Arend 96; John C. Preece 98; William S. Haire 99; Juan A. Rivera, Jr., Charles E. Ruebbling 04; Terrence P. Murphy 05; Jose M. Chirinos 09; Chadwyck W. Preece 14; Patrick N. Franklin 17.

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

Stated Meeting

**July Stated Meeting
 Canceled**

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: David Karhi
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 July brethren! I pray you and your loved ones are safe and well. While I was hoping the relaxation of restrictions meant that we were finally going to find out what the “new normal” was, it looks like the recent spike in cases has thrown a big wrench in that plan. Please continue to practice a level of safety and social distancing that keeps you and those you love from getting sick. While they’re not 100% effective, masks DO work!

At our June stated meeting, in addition to taking care of a few items of lodge business, we held our election of officers for the 2020/2021 year. Congratulations to all those newly elected and appointed, and I am confident that next year will be a year to remember. While I was concerned when Troy decided to step out of his position as Secretary, I am filled with pride at the prospect of him taking over the reins. Next years elected and appointed officers are: Worshipful Master – Troy Shugart, PM; Senior Warden – Orlando Perez; Junior Warden – Rick Alonso; Treasurer – Curtis Gilgan, PM; Secretary – Raul Scully, PM; Chaplain – Bill Lewis, PM; Senior Deacon – Abe Wallace; Junior Deacon – Jeromy Odom; Senior Steward – Bobby Clakely; Junior Steward – Ed Merica; Marshall – Dennis Ross, PM; Master of Ceremonies – Ben Rauschke, PM, Musician – J. R. Vera; and Tiler – Anthoney Farmer-Guerra. Please join me in wishing them all a great and productive year. Installation is scheduled to be held June 11th at 1pm. There will be limited seating due to social distancing, and while it is an open meeting, we are urging brethren to leave their families at home where they are safe. For those that do attend, you will experience a greatly altered ceremony. Grand Lodge changed it to ensure we can hold installation while remaining socially distant. You must wear a mask to attend.

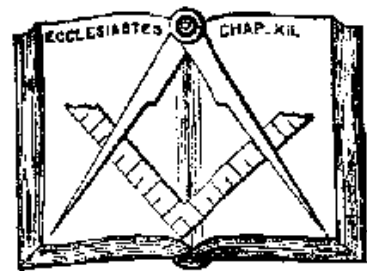
In our last edition (and at the June stated meeting), I had mentioned that we would be holding our regularly scheduled July stated meeting on the 2nd. Unfortunately, the recent spike in Covid19 cases in Austin has caused the city to go back to Stage 4 pandemic status, which means we cannot have more than nine people congregated together (actually the number drops to only two people if there are high risk individuals in attendance). As such, I have begrudgingly decided to cancel the July meeting, but it’s better we stay safe than sorry.

Looking back on this past year, I am filled with

mixed emotions. Part of me can’t believe the year is already over, while the other side of me is reflecting back on what turned out to be a busy year. A lodge is made up of many brethren, gathered together for the good of the lodge, our community, and our world. I am humbled by the opportunity to have led the lodge this past year. I have been blessed to have been surrounded by some great people, and am thankful for all those who offered their guidance, assistance, and brotherly love. All of you have made a lasting impression on my life, and I cannot imagine what this past year would have been like without you. Thank you!

I pray that we will be able to be together again soon, and that I will be able to thank each one of you personally for your part in this latest chapter of my life, and our lodge. Until we see each other again, stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in touch!

David “Tide” Williams, Worshipful Master



Called to the Celestial Lodge

Larry I. Korts
June 2, 2020

From the Finance Committee

Property Tax Exempt Status

As of 12-Jun, the tax exemption for all lodge properties has been processed and approved. This means that the lodge’s ad-valorem tax exemptions should be good thru 2024.

Scholarships

On 11-Jun, the lodge’s check for the five scholarships awarded to Crockett students was finally cashed.

Curtis Gilgan, PM, Finance Committee Chairman

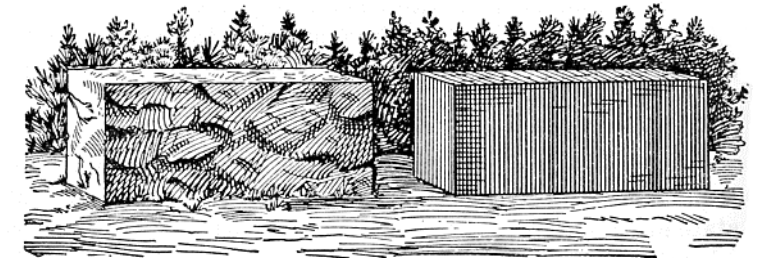


Prayer List

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, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's father), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso’s mother-in-law), Brett Chandler-Finch, Doris Cruse (Forest's wife), Zoey Curry (Gerald's widow), Linda Dyess, Sidney Ellis, James Farmer (Anthoney'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), Eva Jean Kestner, Larry Korts' family, Don & Johnnie Long, 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), PGM Orville L. O'Neill's family, Gene Payne's family, Orlando Perez, Joe Pickering, Ellen Pietrzak (David Hoke's mother-in-law), Linda Russel, Steve Rye's family, Jeanine Robinson (Carl's wife), Jay Sharp, JT Shugart's family (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



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- Obdurate
- Obligation
- Philanthropy
- Pillars
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- Quarry
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- Reverent
- Solomon
- Symbolic
- Temple
- Twain
- Unity
- Untempered
- Virtues
- Vocations
- Warrant
- Worshipful
- Yield
- Zeal