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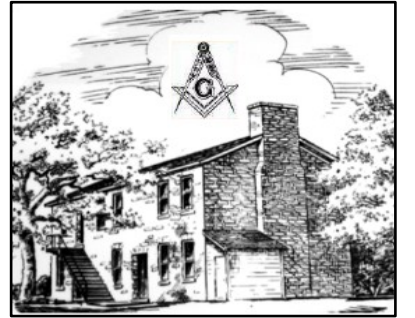
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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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June 2019

Lodge Officers 2018 - 2019

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

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

1999- James F. Keese
 2000- Walter E. Sanders
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker
 2002- Robert L. Roda
 2003- Ricky J. Tindell
 2004- Elijo 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

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



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



June Birthdays

Todd Lewis 01; Louis C. Martin, Jeffrey L. Dotterer 03; Scott A. Freng 04; John W. Jackson II, Edward L. Weeren, Jeffrey T. Lester 07; Daniel P. Vasquez 11; Jeff J. Carroll, William L. Weathers 13; Jorge A. Millan 14; Donald A. Villoni 16; Thomas D. Hoke 17; Tommy R. Peters, Nazario Cantu III, Stanley A. Mitchusson 18; James R. Robinson II, Jeffrey L. Wilbur 20; Raymond D. Hannah 23; Elbert I. Franks 24; Tony M. Ramirez, Samuel E. Taylor, Jr. 26; Sam M. Piper, Jr. 27, and Hunter S. Arend 28.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!

May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!

Masonic Birthdays; raised in June (year)

Gary E. Clark 64; Sherrel D. Cole, Ronald L. Angell 66; James D. Hatton, Glenn R. Dyess 71; Richard W. Johnson 73; Robert A. Carnes, Walter E. Boyd 76; Nazario Cantu III 77; Mack Gerald 80; Donnie F. Carter 81; Allan J. Tolbert III 89; Kirk W. Reasoner, Robert E. Allen 90; James F. Keese 93; Henry R. Tindell, Ricky J. Tindell 98; James R. McMillan 99; Tony M. Ramirez 03; Jorge A. Millan 06; Manuel A. Hernandez 13, and Lawrence I. Falk 14.

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

Stated Meeting

Second Thursday
June 13th, 2019

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: **Richard Alonso**
Building: **Jeromy Odom**
Cemetery: **Abram Wallace**
Communications: **Dale Flatt, PM**
Esoteric Instruction: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Finance: **Ernest Owney**
Funeral: **Curtis Gilgan, PM**
Historian: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Hospital: **H. Max Fisher**
Ill and Visitation: **Carl Robinson**
Vanguard: **Christopher Dawson**
Orlando Perez

From the East...

Greetings, brethren, and farewell from the East.

I greet you as the Sun begins its familiar four-month employment of taxing our home and vehicle air conditioning systems. Pools are open, the kids are out of school, and we all enjoy a quicker commute to our work in the morning. Likewise, my journey as Master of our Lodge comes to an end.

Despite the coming end of this Masonic Year, the lodge still remains quite industrious; our work lately has been plentiful. It's a testament to the spirit of our lodge and the members who both support and nurture it. Having been a member of Onion Creek for nearly ten years, and an officer for almost that, I've been graced with moments and examples that remind me why our lodge is the lodge that it is. I am continually identifying the bar in which I aim in my daily pursuits of improvement and refinement. The work is never done; it may wane and it may wax, but it is never finished.

There is a quote that I read, or heard, once when I was younger. I don't remember if I heard it from my sensei in high school, or from a martial arts movie, but it's stuck with me in regard to setting goals: "Black Belt is where the real learning begins." I've thought this while I was working towards my Master's Degree and it's something I've told myself dozens of times during this year. Now, as I am close to using my gavel in this honorable station for the last time, I look forward to new opportunities to learn, to serve, and to grow.

But all of those opportunities require work in varying degrees and dimensions — nothing good comes without steadfast labor. And without the support of friends and family, that labor can be insurmountable. This is why of all the blessings bestowed upon me this year I am most grateful for the brotherhood of the officers and brethren at Onion Creek, their families, and the Chapters of Eastern Star. The Master shoulders the burdens of the lodge, it's true, but without the support of his team the bearing of them would be nearly insurmountable. I will be forever, and gladly, in debt to those who have exemplified teamwork through their actions and words. This year would have been vastly different without them at my side.

Last, but not least, I would not be the man I am today without the steadfast support of my family — my wife, Taunya, my daughter, Isabella, and my mother-in-law, Elaine. We strive to make ourselves living stones of perfection, but without a sturdy foundation

beneath us, nothing we do will stand the test of time.

Speaking of time, did I mention we've been busy? At our May Stated Meeting, we presented six \$1,000 scholarships and Lamar Medals to deserving Crocket High School students of outstanding scholastic achievement and recognized a Community Builder whose contributions have and will shape our community. On May 9th, we held an A.L.L. Program for newly raised Master Masons, providing them even more light and offering them a springboard to continued education. We held our Spring Breakfast Social on May 11th, continuing our wonderful tradition of quarterly fellowship. May 16th, we welcomed a new member into our gentle fraternity. May 16th, we presented 2 \$150 scholarships and Lamar Medals to two amazing young students at Pleasant Hill Elementary School, and also presented them with U.S. Flags that flew at the graves of American veterans. May 20th, we continued another tradition of fellowship at our Pipe and Cigar Night. Throughout all of this, we have a handful of candidates learning their degree work and Master Masons learning their rituals. In June, we helped Parsons Lodge confer a Master's Degree on one of their Brothers on the 7th.

Looking ahead in June, on the 13th, we have an Open Meeting to honor and present awards to Masons who have been members of the Craft for 25 and 40 years. At our Stated Meeting, we will be holding lodge elections to prepare leadership for the next Masonic Year, and on June 29th we will be installing those elected.

Once again, I would like to thank the officers of Onion Creek, past and present, for their guidance and support. I want to acknowledge and appreciate the members of my committees. The contributions and support of our families allows us to continue our work and are also justly appreciated.

It has been my humble honor and pleasure to serve you. It has been earnest labor that has challenged me, caused me to always think of my obligations and duties to the lodge, and pressed me to grow in ways that will benefit me and those around me for years to come. I hope that I have served in a capacity that exemplifies leadership through service and preserves our reputation as good men working to be continually better.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. May the Creator of the Universe delight to dwell with and bless you.

Worshipful Master Christopher Dawson

From the West

Happy June, brethren. It's hard to believe this calendar year is almost half over, and the masonic year is drawing to a close. As it heats up outside, please remember to stay cool and hydrated.

I want to express my deepest and most heartfelt thanks to all that donated to Project SOS. We surpassed our goal of \$2500, and the supplies have been ordered and are starting to trickle in. On July 18th, we will be putting together individual kits of supplies so they can be delivered before the children return to school in August. Due to the kindness of many, more than 120 children at Pleasant Hill Elementary will be able to start their school year with the necessary supplies for them to learn. The child's life we change today, will enable them to change the world tomorrow. Or, as Winston Churchill (a member of Studholme Lodge 1591, GL of England) so elegantly stated, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

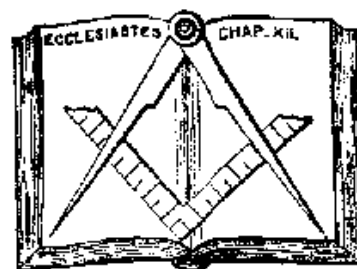
Senior Warden David "Tide" Williams



June Menu

June Food Committee Chairman Charles Pickering reports they will be serving pulled pork sandwiches with baked beans, chips, and cake for dessert.

Thank you for a fine meal!



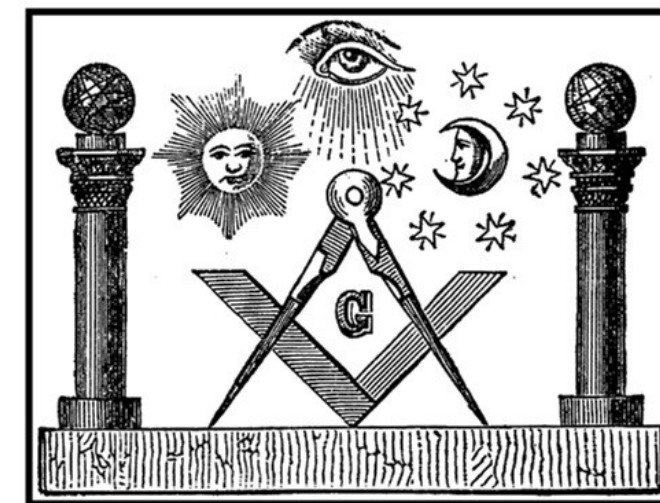
***Called to the
Celestial Lodge***

Duncan K. Copland
June 3, 2019

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: T.K. Anthony, Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's Mother in-law), Molly Clakley, Duncan Copland's family, Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, RW Mike Gower and family, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Larry Korts, Johnnie Long, Thurman McGinnis, Wes Mersiovsky, Tony Moreno's family, Jeanine Robinson (wife of Carl Robinson), Tom Rogers' family, JT Shugart (Troy's dad), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Henry Tindell, and Louis Ugarte (cousin of JW Orlando Perez).

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Chris Dawson or Chaplain Raul Scully, PM



SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of April, 7 Masons and 2 wives contributed over 141 hours assisting our friends and neighbors over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center.

Thank you folks for a job well done!