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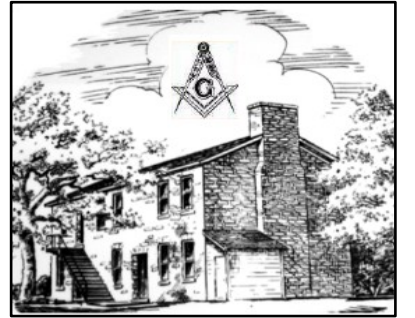
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 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
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March 2019

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**
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 MC: **Curtis A. Gilgan, PM**
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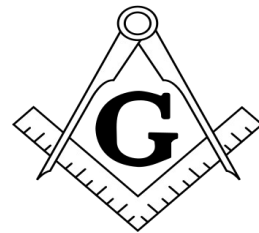
Living Onion Creek Lodge Past Masters

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



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March Birthdays

Michael E. Sanders 1; Ronnie W. Moreau 2; Charles R. Caudill, Carlton L. Edwards, J. Roland Brown, L.J. Brister 3; Roy L. Hamor, Jr. 4; John E. Altis, Keith W. Caron 6; Glen R. Broddrick. Gene C. Payne 7; Troy J. Shugart 11; Robert C. Cowan, Walter H. Argall, Ferril C. Smith, Jonathan D. Walker, James C. Wells 13; Willis C. Woods 14; Charles P. Foreman 17; Omar V. Greene III, Richard N. Benoit 18; James M. King 19; Gary A. Crain 21; Stanley A. Penner 24; James L. Younger 28; Robert E. Allen, Michael J. Brode 29; William B. Tamminga, James E. Sterling 30; Fransisco Reyes, Sr. 31.

Masonic Birthdays; raised in March (year)

James T. Harris 54; Wilbert H. Else 60; Ronnie W. Moreau 63; L.J. Brister 65; Clifford C. Cody 66; Dennie J. Jackson 67; James L. Brown 71; Jeffrey L. Wilbur; Alan L. Karotkin 76; Armand C. Ablanado, John C. Wood 79; Joe D. Beaver 83; Charles A. Snoddy, Omar V. Green III, Jimmy L. Preece, Billy R. Seguin 86; Terry D. Phillips 87; Stanley A. Mitchusson 88; William R. Harrison 90; Paul D. Pennybacker 93; Walter E. Sanders, Randall J. Storm, Michael J. Brode, Michael W. Carter 94; Jeffrey L. Dotterer 95; Jason S. Lyde 97; Dale L. Flatt 02; Jonathan L. Ramirez 07; Brett M. Chandler-Finch 09; Wilfredo Vera 14.

*Happy Birthday, Brothers!
 May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!*

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

Stated Meeting

**First Thursday
 March 7th, 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**
Abram Wallace
Cemetery: **Dale Flatt, PM**
Communications: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Esoteric Instruction: **Ernest Owney**
Finance: **Curtis Gilgan, PM**
Funeral: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Historian: **H. Max Fisher**
Hospital: **Carl Robinson**
Ill and Visitation: **Christopher Dawson**
Vanguard: **Orlando Perez**

From the East...

Greetings, Brethren, and welcome to spring. Well, maybe not yet — as I write this we are anticipating another ‘Polar Blast’. I love the cold but am ready for the topsy-turvy weather to end; the summer will be sweltering, but at least it will be consistent!

Before I proceed, I’d like to remind those of you who have yet to pay their dues to please do so. SW Tide Williams and the Arrears Committee are reaching out to all Brethren who’ve not paid yet. Also, I do understand that some of you may have already paid but may have been contacted by the Arrears Committee. I hope that you’ll forgive any miscommunications that stem from timing issues regarding payment. I understand it may not feel great, but gently inform the committee that you’ve paid and we’ll take you off the list promptly. However — if you **have** paid already and have been waiting for your dues card, please contact me immediately.

February 16th Onion Creek held its first-ever Valentine’s Bingo Brunch. The Ladies of the Lodge were treated to a brunch featuring made-to-order Belgian waffles, bacon, and a huge charcuterie tray — as well as sweets and refreshments. After brunch, Bros. Anthony Farmer-Guerra and Dennis Ross, PM officiated several games of bingo. Everyone left with a few prizes and fun everyone had a great time. There was lots of good feedback, so I think we may have a new Valentine’s tradition! Thank you all the Brethren present that helped with food staging and games and a special thanks to our Ladies for coming out and showing us how to have a good time!

On February 19th Onion Creek hosted the District 50 Fantastic Teeth Party. Many Brethren and families from District 50 came together and assembled 2132 kits for Austin school kids — in almost a half hour! It was amazing to see everyone working together so well and accomplish so much. Onion Creek will be presenting the kits to three schools over the first week of March. I’d like to offer my thanks to W. Raul Scully, PM; Dennis Ross, PM; and SW Tide Williams for their work in coordinating the Party with Amy and Shannon of MFCSTX. Their work in planning and facilitating the event were vital to the success of this program. Also, thank you to all the Brethren who assembled, sorted, and distributed all the kits for each school. When we work together, we can do great things!

On February 27th, we conducted a Fellowcraft Degree for an EA who has been working diligently on his advancement. If you know this Brother, please be sure to congratulate him on his achievement!

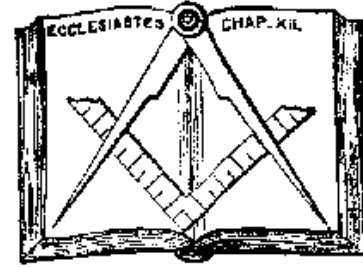
At our March Stated Meeting, the food committee will be mostly out of town, so our stewards will be providing the meal for our Brethren and families. This doesn’t happen very often, so please be sure to come out and enjoy a fine meal provided by ‘seasoned’ professionals!

April 4th, RW Mark Dermit will be making his first official visitation to Onion Creek as DDGM of District 50. We hope you’ll be there to welcome him and hear Grand Master Stogner’s message.

April 6th, Ben-Hur Shrine will be hosting the Austin Grand Master’s Conference. I expect many Brethren to be there, and hope you are too, to hear what’s going on in Texas Masonry this year!

We have a lot going on, as always, and I wish you all safe travels around our state. I’ll be traveling for business and won’t be present at the March Stated Meeting, but I hope to see you in April! See you soon!

Worshipful Master Christopher Dawson



Called to the Celestial Lodge

Genaro “Henry” Galarza, Jr.
January 5, 2019

Robert Charles Miller
February 9, 2019

March Menu

Our outstanding stewards will be preparing our meal this month. Senior Steward Jeromy Odom and Junior Steward Abram Wallace will be preparing beef tacos, rice, and beans.

Thank you for a fine meal!



The Grand Lodges Reunited

The Grand Lodges reunited in 1813 after almost 63 years of being divided into ‘Moderns’ and ‘Ancients’. The process of unification started in 1809 by the Grand Lodge of England and was finally completed on the 27th December 1813 after 4 years of negotiation. The two Grand Lodges united and formed the United Grand Lodge of England. After this unification, the emblems, procedures, rituals, etc. became the same for every lodge as they all became one.

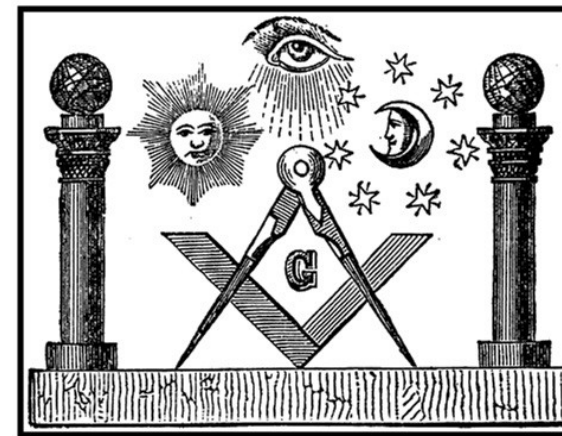
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The Morgan Affair

William Morgan had threatened to write a book revealing all the secrets of the Freemasons and in 1826 he disappeared from Batavia, New York. What really happened to him is still a mystery, but the Freemasons were blamed for his disappearance and this led to the formation of many anti-Masonic groups in New York and in the whole United States, which organized protests against Freemasonry.

Because of the Morgan Affair, many masons left the Craft. While before the Morgan Affair the Grand Lodge of New York governed 227 lodges, a few years after the Morgan Affair only 41 were left. However, Freemasonry in the United States tripled in the 1850s. By the end of the 1850s there were more than 5000 lodges with over 200,000 Masons.

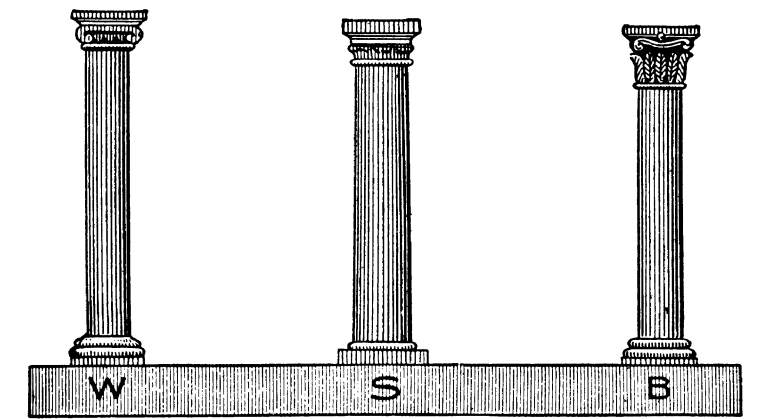
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Prayer List

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, Thomas Carroll (Jeff’s dad), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso’s Mother in-law), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart’s niece), Curtis Gilgan, Reagan Hammett, Charlie Hampton, 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, Tom Rogers’ family, JT Shugart (Troy’s dad), Theresa Shugart (Troy’s mother), David Solverson, and Henry Tindell.

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 January, 6 Masons and 2 wives contributed over 150 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 13 hours, Dave Faria with 17 hours, Max Fisher with 12 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Carl Robinson with 35 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 34 hours, Dennis Ross with 2 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 29 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!